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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted]

DATE: 7/24/67

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact		6/14, 7/6, 7/19/67	92-1371
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
①	James Catuano, aka; A.R.	92-920	[redacted]
②	[redacted]; ITWI	165-1227	
③	[redacted]		
[redacted]			
COUNTERFEITING MATTERS			

Purpose and results of contact

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by him since last contact.

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[redacted] advised that he had made notes of other associates and incidents involved in his dealings with FIDANZI and that he would obtain these and furnish the information to the FBI.

[redacted] was exhibited several photographs, and he identified the following individuals:

GUIDO FIDANZI;

[redacted]
JAMES CATUARA, individual he had observed at the R & B Collection Agency; and

[redacted]
He was unable to identify any photograph as being identical to [redacted] He furnished the following physical description of [redacted]

Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Nationality

[redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/27/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact 7/6, 25/67		
Titles and File #s on which contacted JAMES CATUARA AR ✓ 92-1371 [REDACTED]		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p>Informant advised on July 6, 1967, he has learned that the Oak Forest, Illinois Police Department is very corrupt and that the only officer that is reliable and honest is [REDACTED] (phonetic). Source stated that he has learned that several Oak Forest policemen have stolen over \$17,000 worth of rugs, furniture and lighting equipment, from the Forestdale Homes Development in Oak Forest. Informant advised that [REDACTED] name unknown, was involved in the above thefts and is well aware of many other illegal activities being conducted [REDACTED]</p> <p>Above information was furnished to [REDACTED]</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) DATE: 8/25/67

FROM

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-799) RUC.

SUBJECT:

JAMES "The Bomber" CATUARA,
Aka
AR

Re Chicago letter to Springfield, dated 6/19/67.

On August 2, 1967, [redacted]
[redacted] Credit Bureau of Kankakee County, Incorporated,
Kankakee, Illinois, advised that she could locate no
record or reference to the subject or GUIDO FIDANZI.

On August 2, 1967, [redacted]
Identification Officer, Kankakee Police Department,
and [redacted] Identification Office, Kankakee County
Sheriff's Office, both Kankakee, Illinois, advised they
have no record in their files in reference to the subject
or GUIDO FIDANZI.

Both advised that subject and FIDANZI's
name are not familiar to them.

On August 2, 1967, [redacted]
Kankakee Police Department also advised that subject's
name and FIDANZI are unknown to him.

On August 17, 1967, [redacted]
Kankakee Police Department, Kankakee, Illinois, advised that
subject's name and FIDANZI are unknown to him.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 9/18/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/15 - 8/30/67
TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUARA, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY vel
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA dated 5/15/67 at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU - (2)

Two copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they develop under separate communications.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: None

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate the subjects activity in the organized crime field.

INFORMANTS

[redacted]
[redacted] contacted July 19, 1967,
by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted June 5, 1967,
by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted June 10, 1967, by
SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

1 - USA, CHICAGO

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]
September 18, 1967

Office:

CHICAGO

Date:

Field Office File #:

92-1371

Bureau File #:

92-6931

Title:

JAMES CATUARA

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject frequents the R & B Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, daily. This agency is operated by GUIDO FIDANZI, who is currently under investigation for violation of fraud by wire statute. Subject was present during perpetration of fraud, but did not participate. Subject suffered an attack of gall stones and subsequently vacationed in Las Vegas, Nevada with FIDANZI. Subject alleged to have taken control of a large supper club in Midlothian, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] (NA) Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised that he had conducted "spot checks" of the subject's residence at 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, and noticed nothing of a suspicious nature. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] numerous illegal operations controlled by the subject and operated by GUIDO FIDANZI. [redacted] the area of activity where the subject operates includes frauds, theft of numerous items, fraud by confidence game, production and distribution of pornographic film and stolen autos.

[redacted]

[redacted] the recent murder of one of FIDANZI's victims of a con game, MONTY ARNOLD of Crete, Illinois.

[redacted]

[redacted] he has been unable to develop any pertinent information regarding the subject or FIDANZI.

On June 23, 1967, [redacted] advised that he had learned that an unknown individual who is [redacted]

[redacted]

had been "conned" out of \$30,000 by GUIDO FIDANZI of the R & B Collection Agency.

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The above facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney SHELTON DAVIDSON of the Organized Crime Division, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that it appeared that FIDANZI was in violation of Federal Statutes and requested additional investigation in order that he could present the facts to the Federal Grand Jury in Chicago.

At 8:05 P. M. on May 31, 1967, [redacted] a well known Chicago hoodlum, and JAMES CATUARA were observed leaving the main entrance of the Towne Hotel on Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. CATUARA was observed entering a late model Cadillac, bearing 1967 Illinois license JC9600.

[redacted] advised on June 12, 1967, that [redacted]
[redacted]
an associate of the subject had recently thrown acid in the face of a Chicago Heights burglar, name unknown, because it had been rumored that this individual was cooperating with local authorities. Informant stated that [redacted]
[redacted] is closely associated with GUIDO FIDANZI. [redacted] is reported to be used primarily for "muscle" and frequently carries a concealed pistol on his person according to the informant.

[redacted] advised that the subject is contemplating entering Mercy Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois for a general checkup. CATUARA has recently complained that he is suffering with gall stones. On September 2, 1967, informant stated that he had learned that the subject had taken a vacation to Las Vegas, Nevada sometime during the month of July. He was accompanied by GUIDO FIDANZI and the two of them subsequently met their wives in Las Vegas and remained for approximately two weeks. The informant was unable to determine where they stayed in Las Vegas.

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised on July 25, 1967, that he had recently learned that the Oak Forest, Illinois Police Department is completely corrupted by the subject. He learned that several Oak Forest Policemen have recently stolen over \$17,000 worth of rugs, furniture and lighting equipment from the Forestdale Homes Development in Oak Forest, further advising that [redacted] was involved in the above thefts and is aware of many other illegal activities being conducted [redacted] Informant stated that the only individual he knows of on the Department that is reliable and honest is [redacted] (phonetic).

[redacted] advised on August 31, 1967, that he has recently learned that the subject is taking over the ownership of a supper club at 147th and Crawford in Midlothian, Illinois. This restaurant was formerly known as King Arthur's Pub, but the name has since been changed to Mark's Restaurant. He stated that GUIDO FIDANZI has frequently been seen behind the bar operating in a managerial capacity and that a friend of his had stated that FIDANZI carries a gun on the premises.

[redacted] advised that on August 11, 1967, [redacted] (known associate of CATUARA) approached owners of the Marshall Savings and Loan Association as heading a group wishing to lease Pleasure Acres on Route 30 and Wolf Road in Will County, Illinois. This spa was formerly known as Valley View Farms. The loan company obtained it on a mortgage foreclosure. [redacted] indicated that Marshall Savings and Loan would turn down the request.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
September 18, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title

JAMES CATUARA

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Character

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Reference

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as
above at Chicago, Illinois.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Chicago, Illinois
September 18, 1967

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JAMES CATUARA
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

[redacted] is an individual who has numerous
contacts in [redacted]
[redacted] who frequents Chicago's
South suburbs.

[redacted] is an individual [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] is an individual who [redacted]
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [REDACTED]

DATE: **9/22/67**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact 9/7, 12/67		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
[REDACTED]	92-1328	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	92-1315	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	92-1040	[REDACTED]
SAN GIANCANA, aka AR	92-349	[REDACTED]
JAMES CATARA, aka AR	92-1371	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	92-1160	[REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	[REDACTED]	92-1360 92-1414 92-1998 92-1528
<p>The CTE furnished information which is being set out in the attached memorandum.</p> <p>Extreme care should be utilized in the use or dissemination of any information furnished by this source since the CTE is in an extremely sensitive position. Most of the information furnished by this CTE should only be set out in the cover pages of a report.</p>		
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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 9-25-67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 6/29/67 [REDACTED] advised that captioned individual is a member of the La Cosa Nostra [REDACTED]
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(ALDERISIO)
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(CATUARA)

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A review of the file reflects the following information furnished by captioned informant concerning La Cosa Nostra status of some individuals:

On 7/20/67 informant furnished the following information relative to the La Cosa Nostra standing of the following persons:

JOSEPH AIUPPA, aka JOEY O'BRIEN - member

PHIL BACINO - long-time member

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SAMUEL ENGLISH - member

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JOHN ROSELLI - member for many years

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

members of the Chicago La Cosa Nostra:

SAM BATTAGLIA
SAM GIANCANA

[REDACTED]

JIMMY CATUARA
FRANK CARUSO

[REDACTED]

TONY ACCARDO
PAUL RICCA

In addition he identified several individuals who are now deceased such as JOSEPH BULGER, BRUNO ROTI, CHARLES GIOE, JIM EMERY, AL CAPONE, SAM FARINO, PHIL D'ANDREA, FRANK MARITOTE.

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Date: 10/3/67

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TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931) AND SAC CLEVELAND [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (92-1371) ✓

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

FOR INFO CLEVELAND, CATUARA PROMINENT LEADER OF
ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO SOUTH SUBURBS. [REDACTED][REDACTED] RECENTLY ADVISED THAT CATUARA'S CLOSE
ASSOCIATE AND MUSCLEMAN [REDACTED] RECENTLY TRAVELED
TO AKRON, OHIO, AND [REDACTED][REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY FELT HE WAS BEING
SWINDLED AND RETURNED TO AKRON. ATTEMPTED TO "MUSCLE"
FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS [REDACTED]

AS OF THIS TIME,

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY TO RETURN TO AKRON TO OBTAIN
BALANCE OR POSSIBLY LARGER AMOUNT. CLEVELAND REQUESTED TO
CONTACT SOURCES AND OBTAIN DETAILS OF [REDACTED] REPORTED
INVOLVEMENT. DO NOT DISCUSS CASH AMOUNTS WITH CONTACTS AS
INFORMANT COULD BE COMPROMISED.1 - C-1 Tickler
1 - [REDACTED]
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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TO: Director, FBI (92-6931)
FROM: SAC, Cleveland (92-1488) (P)
JAMES CATUARA, aka.
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Re Chicago tel, 10/3/67.

On 10/5/67, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he did not know subject nor did he know [redacted]

Source stated he does know that the franchise for the new Akron Continental Football Team folded several weeks ago.

Source stated the games of this team were to be played at the Akron Rubber Bowl, Akron, Ohio, which is operated by the City of Akron. Source stated the [redacted] and he has a staff of about 15-20 individuals. Source stated that any negotiations for the concession franchise of the Akron Rubber Bowl would necessarily go through [redacted]

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Source further revealed that [] departed Akron last week for Miami, Fla.

Source stated that although he is completely unaware of any negotiations for instant concession franchise, he would hazard as a guess that the individuals from Chicago probably negotiated with [] probably could not produce on his commitment.

Other sources will be contacted in this regard and the Bureau and Chicago will be kept advised.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/20/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☒ CTE

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Dates of Contact
9/18/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[REDACTED]

92-1373

165-462

92-1998

92-1364

JAMES CATUARA, aka. AR

92-1371

92-1328

Purpose and Results of Contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

92-2340

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

EXCELLENT

Coverage

Same

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/29/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☒ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

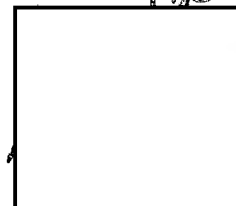
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Dates of Contact	
9/5, 16, 9/4, 29/67	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
RACIAL MATTERS	157-350
[REDACTED] ITSP	87-28174
JAMES CATUARA; AR	92-1371
[REDACTED]	92-415

Purpose and results of contact	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT	Coverage NO CHANGE 92-1371 - 1889 [Handwritten initials]
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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)
SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

This subject is a top hoodlum of the Chicago Office. He is a prominent figure in all organized crime activities in the Southern Chicago suburbs. He formerly operated a large scale "confidence game operation" known as the R&B Collection Agency, 1020, Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This company was managed by GUIDO FIDANZI (federal indictment to be returned in November). Recently FIDANZI has changed the name of the company to Manhattan Management Corporation and Intercontinental Investments. The individual "fronting" for this company is [redacted] Investigation to date indicates that [redacted]

Milwaukee is requested to conduct a through inquiry into [redacted] background and attempt to determine the extent of his involvement with Chicago hoodlums.

2 - Milwaukee
① - Chicago
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 10/18/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
AR

On October 10, 1967, [REDACTED] (protect identity) was interviewed at his office in [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED]

He said every two or three weeks he has observed JIMMY "THE BOMBER" in the Aunt Jemima Pancake House [REDACTED] Usually he would be joined in a few minutes by AL PILOTTA.

He added [REDACTED] became connected with "THE BOMBER" because he was close to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All were from Blue Island.

(1-92-1733) (PILOTTA)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 311 369 D, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Co Jail Chicago Ill	Guido Fidanzi #188313	3-15-56	larc (2) con game	3-15-56 bail given on chg of con game
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	10-14-59	confidence game	5-20-60 Case dismissed
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	2-19-60	(Confidence Game) DC	SOL on chg of DC
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	3-22-60	Confidence Game	
PD Homewood Ill	Guido Fidanzi #--	1-11-61	Obtaining money under false pretenses check	
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	2-20-60	confidence game	SOL
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	3-22-60	confidence game	nolle prosee
Cook Co Sheriff's PD Bedford Park Argo Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #38081-CR 2503-ID	12-30-65	T by deception	
USM Chgo Ill	Guido J. Fidanzi #67229	10-11-67	Income Tax Laws	

Notations indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data formerly furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date: 10/20/67

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TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.
REMYTEL JUNE FOURTEEN LAST ADVISING OF ^{ITSP-FBW} INVESTIGATION OF
GUIDO FIDENZI, UNDERLING OF SUBJECT CATUARA.

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO DETERMINE
TRUE IDENTITY OF SUBJECT [REDACTED] AUSA SHELDON DAVIDSON,
CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] ^{IS} LAST OBSTACLE TO
SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF FIDENZI.

[REDACTED] ADVISED OCT NINETEEN LAST
THAT [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL WITH ONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CHICAGO PRESENTLY
OBTAINING PHOTO OF [REDACTED] FOR DISPLAY TO VICTIM FOR POSITIVE
IDENTIFICATION.

1 - C-1 Tickler
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 87-29347
1 - 92-1641

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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AUSA DAVIDSON ADVISED OF ABOVE AND STATED HE INTENDS TO PRESENT FBW CASE TO FGJ, CHICAGO, AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION OF [REDACTED]

INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISED THAT CATUARA RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM FIDANZI OBTAINED IN INSTANT FRAUD, HOWEVER, HAS NOT PERSONALLY INVOLVED HIMSELF IN ANY OF SCHEMES. CATUARA ALSO [REDACTED] STATING THAT A STOLEN CAR HAS RECENTLY BEEN OBTAINED AND IS TO BE USED ON A CONTEMPLATED MURDER WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS. INFORMANT NOT AWARE OF IDENTITY OF VICTIM, HOWEVER, BELIEVES HIM TO BE A CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL., BURGLAR. ABOVE INFO CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED TO COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

CATUARA [REDACTED] HOODLUM GROUP GRADUALLY GETTING OUT OF GAMBLING FIELD IN CHICAGO BECAUSE OF "FBI HEAT" AND ARE CONCENTRATING ON FRAUDULENT MORTGAGE SCHEMES AND "JUICE" LOANS.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 10/23/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

[REDACTED] advised on October 4, 1967 that [REDACTED]

The informant noted that GUIDO FIDANZI continues to frequent this location on a daily basis. The informant advised that [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , CHICAGO

DATE: 11/1/67

FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT:

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact

10/16, 26/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, aka, AR

92-1371

92-1315

92-1328

92-1040

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

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Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Same

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Pat Of Rackets Boss Faces Tax Trial

A collection agency owner reportedly associated with a South Suburban rackets boss was indicted Tuesday for income tax evasion.

The indictment was returned in U.S. District Court against Guido Fidanzi, 40, of 220 Arquilla Drive, of suburban

Chicago Heights.

Fidanzi, owner of the R & B Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, is an associate of key rackets figure James (The Bomber) Cataura, according to federal authorities.

Fidanzi filed a 1961 return

when he paid \$126.43 on a stated income of \$375 although his actual income was \$5,375, the indictment said.

In other counts he was charged with filing no return from 1963 through 1965 when his income was alleged to be \$35,629.

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FOUR STAR FINAL

DATE: 10-11-67

PAGE: 72 COL: 4

EDITOR: EMMETT DEDMON
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HOOD PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO TAX EVASION

Guido Fidanzi, 40, a crime syndicate hoodlum, pleaded not guilty yesterday in federal District court to four counts of income tax evasion.

Fidanzi, of 22 Arquilla dr., Chicago Heights, was indicted Oct. 10 on charges of understating his 1961 income by \$5,000 and evading payment of \$1,027 in taxes. Three counts charged that Fidanzi did not file income tax returns in 1963, 1964, and 1965. The government claims Fidanzi earned \$9,649 in 1963; \$11,240 in 1964; and \$14,740 in 1965. Judge Edwin Robson set Dec. 6 for hearing of pre-trial motions.

Fidanzi, who has been arrested nine times but has never been convicted, has been identified as an associate of James [Jimmy the Bomber] Caluara, south suburban rackets boss, and Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio, a mob terrorist. If convicted, Fidanzi could be imprisoned for up to eight years and fined up to \$40,000.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

EDITION: 3 STAR FINAL

DATE: 10-19-67

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HE'S NOT AFRAID**Heating Firm Sues
Syndicate Hoodlum****BY DON SULLIVAN**

If a crime syndicate hoodlum who once served 8 years in prison as a dynamiter owed you \$5,000, would you sue him!

A Hazel Crest business has decided to do just that: It is the Sheldon Heating & Cooling company, Inc., at 171st and Center streets, which filed suit in the chancery division of Circuit court this week.

They are suing James Catuara, 62 known to police as The "Bomber" and "The Owl." in the suit, the firm says Catuara in March, 1966, contracted with them to install gutters, a gas heating system, and central air conditioning his new home at 9600 Kilbourn av., Oak Lawn.

Bill Is \$5,072

The suit complains that Catuara did not pay the \$5,072 bill when it was presented on completion of the work in July.

Police records show that Catuara has been arrested 35

times, many of them on suspicion of bombings.

In 1933, he was convicted of possession and transportation of dynamite, and he served time in an Illinois penitentiary from December, 1934, to December, 1942, when he was released on parole.

Wife Is Co-Defendant

Recent reports from police sources indicate Catuara's interests have been extending into the B-girl and strip joints in southwest suburban Cook county.

The suit names as co-defendants Catuara's wife, Mary F., and the South Holland Trust & Savings bank, trustee of Trust No. 830 behind which ownership of the Kilbourn avenue property is cloaked.

"I'm Not Worried"

CHICAGO'S AMERICAN phoned the heating and air conditioning firm and asked to speak to the owner. A secretary switched the call to a man who identified himself as Bill Cherullo.

"Yes, I had the stuff installed in Mr. Catuara's new home," said Cherullo. "Why!"

The reporter told Cherullo about Catuara's background and Cherullo answered:

"O, I'm not worried about him. He's been very nice to me."

Cherullo declined to comment further.

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**CHICAGO AMERICAN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS****10-21-67**

Date:

Edition: **DIAMOND FINAL**Author: **DON SULLIVAN**Editor: **LLOYD WENDT**

Title:

JIMMY CATURA

Character:

or

92-1371

Classification:

Submitting Office: **CHICAGO****COPY SENT TO BUREAU**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAG, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/26/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

10/2/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, aka AR

92-1371 ✓

FRANK LA PORTE, aka AR

92-920

[REDACTED] ITSP

87-25753

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

[REDACTED]

Most of the gambling has ceased, however, there are a few floating games that the various Italian hoodlums continue to frequent. To his knowledge, they are the Lincoln Athletic Club, on 14th Street, Chicago Heights; an upstairs room of the address of 1717 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights. He advised these games are restricted to "old-time Chicago Heights hoodlums". He advised that he has heard it rumored among the various hoodlums that organized gamblers are being told that the outfit can no longer make money on their operations and as a result, they are not offered any protection or bond money in the event gamblers are arrested.

Informant advised that LA PORTE still controls Chicago Heights, however, he appears to be retiring and that JAMES CATUARA is taking more and more control of the area.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Very good

Coverage

Same

TWP:new
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/26/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

10/19/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK LA BORTE

92-920

79-240

JAMES CATUARA

92-1371 ✓

GUIDO FIDANZI; ET AL ITSP

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

Informant advised that he learned that ~~WESTLEY FUNICELLA~~, who was murdered approximately six months ago, ~~was killed in order to save GUIDO FIDANZI~~. He was killed by ~~GUIDO~~ ~~had stolen money that was due the outfit and when they~~

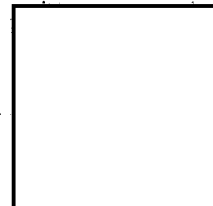
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Excellent

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discovered that the money was missing, GUIDO convinced him that FUNICELLA had taken it, and spent it. As a result, he was killed.

Informant further advised that the outfit is now making considerable money from fraudulent mortgage companies and that the most recent one is known as Mortgage Expeditors, 162nd Street in South Holland. According to the informant, this company is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JAMES CATUARA and [REDACTED] have recently opened a frozen pizza manufacturing company in Indiana and their endeavor is financially successful. He believes that the trade name is known as Panzinni's Pizzas.

[REDACTED]

CG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

GUIDO FIDANZI that CATUARA and the rest of the outfit is getting out of gambling operations because of the increased amount of police raids that have been forced by the federal agencies. The gamblers are being told that they are on their own and the outfit will not protect them. He stated that [REDACTED] continues to be the major book in the area.

The GUZZINO brothers, SAMM and RICHIE, have sold out their bookmaking operation to (FNU) [REDACTED] (phonetic)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Informant advised that JAMES CATUARA recently bragged that he killed his first man when he was 15 years old and that helped him considerably in making money from the outfit.

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[redacted] identified a photograph of GUIDO FIDANZI under Cook County number 3129, dated October 10, 1966. He also stated that a photograph of [redacted] [redacted] dated December 13, 1965, was identical with an individual he knew as [redacted] [redacted] for FIDANZI. He said he had observed [redacted] driving a white Chevrolet or Buick but did not know if this car was actually his. He also identified a photograph of [redacted] as being an associate of FIDANZI's who customarily drove a late-model red Buick convertible. He also said he knew an individual by the name of JIMMY, who spent a great deal of time in FIDANZI's office and after observing a photograph of JAMES CATUARA he said this was identical with JIMMY [redacted]

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[redacted] and does not recall him taking an active part in any of the business dealings.

[redacted] advised he would be willing to testify to any of the above information.

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TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931)

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (92-1371) ✓

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

REMYTEL OCT TWENTY LAST ADVISING OF PENDING ITSP-FBW
INVESTIGATION OF GUIDO FIDANZI, UNDERLING OF SUBJ CATUARA.

INFO ALSO DEVELOPED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
CHECKED TO SUBJ CATUARA [REDACTED] IN TOUCH WITH FIDANZI[REDACTED] FOLLOWING SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS
WITH FIDANZI [REDACTED]

AND FIDANZI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON SEPARATE

OCCASIONS BOTH [REDACTED] AND FIDANZI THREATENED [REDACTED]

NO FEDERAL VIOLATION INDICATED IN ABOVE INSTANCE AND
MATTER FURNISHED TO COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE. THEY
ADVISED NOV NINE INSTANT THAT THEY EXPECT TO OBTAIN LOCAL
ARMED ROBBERY WARRANTS FOR BOTH INDIVIDUALS.

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1 - C-1 Tickler

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Special Agent in Charge

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REGARDING FBW INVESTIGATION, VICTIM HAS IDENTIFIED
[REDACTED] AS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ [REDACTED] AS FURNISHED
BY CHICAGO INFORMANT. AUSA SHELDON DAVIDSON ADVISED THAT IN
VIEW OF ABOVE IDENTIFICATION HE WILL PRESENT FACTS TO FGJ
AT EARLIST OPPORTUNITY.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 11-17-67

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S-#5

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (166-357)(P)
RE:

VICTIM
ITAR - EXTORTION

OO: CV

Re CG tel to Bureau, 10-3-67; CV airtel to Bureau, 10-6-67, in case entitled "JAMES CATURA, aka.; AR; OO: Chicago (Bufile 92-6931; CG file 92-1371)."

Enclosed herewith are copies of two newspaper articles appearing in the Akron Beacon Journal, Akron, Ohio, on 9-24-67 and on 11-2-67, which contain background information on the Akron Vulcans professional football team, Continental League, prior to the team's disbandment. Copies designated are as follows:

three (3) copies each for the Bureau;
four (4) copies each for Chicago;
two (2) copies each for New York and
two (2) copies each for St. Louis for information.

These articles were written by reporter DAVE HESS, allegedly with the cooperation of the City of Akron and with the cooperation of individuals involved in the Vulcan's operation.

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- (2 - 92-1371)
- 2 - New York (Enc. 4)(info)(RM)
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- 4 - Cleveland
- (1 - 92-1488)

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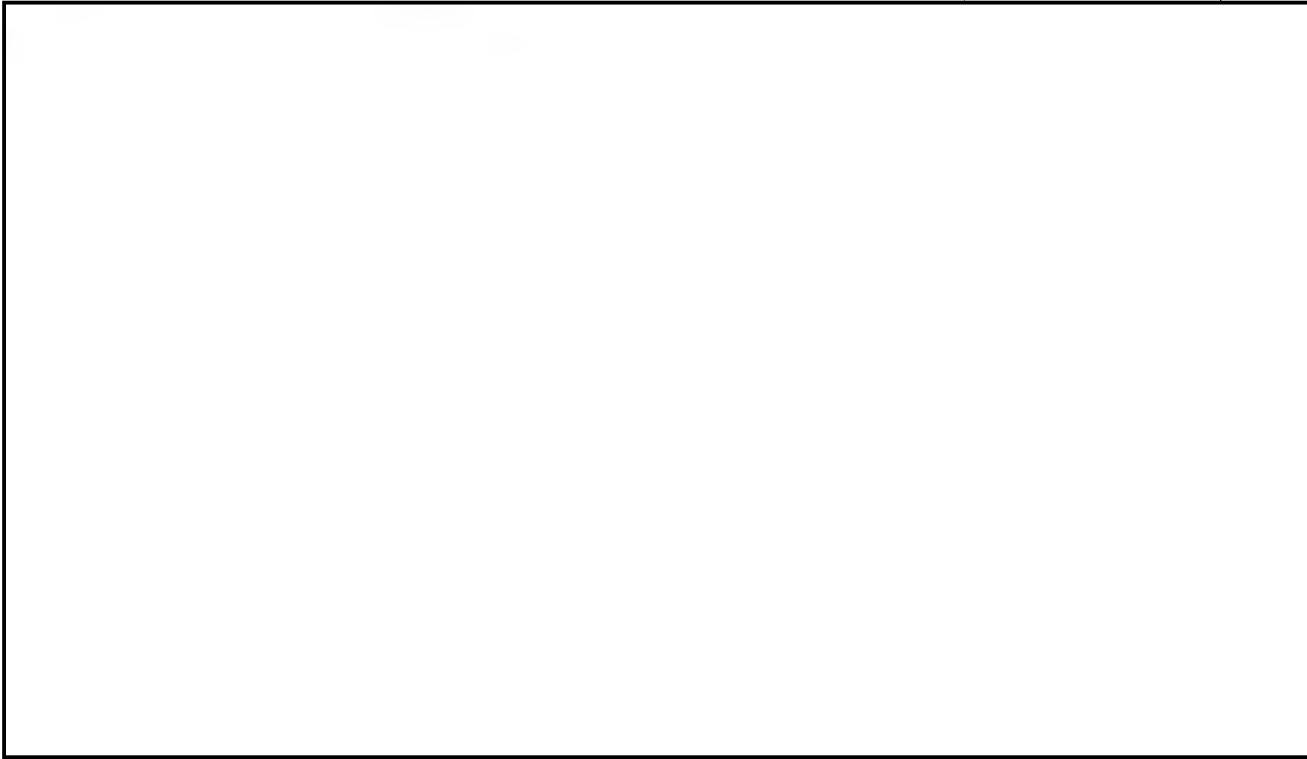
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The Akron Beacon Journal is published by the Beacon Publishing Company, 44 East Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio, and is a member of the Knight Publications. It is the only daily newspaper of Akron.



On 10-17-67,  Akron Credit Bureau, Akron, Ohio, advised as follows:



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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-712) -P-
SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

OO: Chicago

Re: Chicago airtel to Milwaukee 10/6/67.

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Contact has been maintained with [redacted]
[redacted] (NA) Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office, regarding
this matter, and he recently indicated that he is in the process
of obtaining information regarding the Evergreen Plaza Corporation
as well as background information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] advised that upon completion of this investigation
he would furnish same to the FBI.

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2 - Milwaukee (92-712)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : *CYC* SAC, CLEVELAND (92-1488) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATURA, aka.
AR

OO: Chicago

DATE: 11-28-67

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 10-6-67, and
Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 11-17-67, the latter communication
being in the case entitled [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] aka. - VICTIM; ITAR - EXTORTION," OO: Cleveland.

The captioned matter is being RUC'd with this communication. Pertinent developments will be furnished the Chicago Office in the above case entitled [REDACTED] etc." (Cleveland file 166-357), with copies to Chicago file 92-1371.

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W. H. Allen

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 11/30/67

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

10/26/67, 11/20/67
Titles and File # on which contacted

[redacted]	37-29510
[redacted]	87-26174
JAMES CATANARA; AL	92-1371
[redacted]	92-415
[redacted]	157-350

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☒ STATISTIC

On 10/26/67, informant, whose name must be kept strictly confidential and who does not desire to testify, furnished the following information:

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☒ /furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

ENCLOSURE

1-92-415 [redacted] ① - 92-1371 (CATANARA)
1-92-344 (AGARD) 1 - 92-347 [redacted]
1-92-1160 [redacted] 1 - 92-1360 [redacted]
1-87-27906 [redacted] 1 - [redacted]
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[REDACTED] If
he goes to jail his power would shift to JAMES CATURARA, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CATURARA would be sure to get
[REDACTED] mantle if he were a little smarter.
[REDACTED]

On 11/20/67, informant advised that TERRY ALTAMIRA had
been killed in an argument in a bar in Miami. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/30/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

11/3/67 11/28/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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JAMES CATURA AR

ITAR- GAMBLING

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Victim ITAR-Extortion 166-1094

Purpose and results of contact

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Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/30/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

10/2, 20; 11/7, 24/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA

92-1371

92-415

15-26351

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
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TO :

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DATE:

12/8/67

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

11/29, 30, 1967 12/2/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

James Catuara

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92-1371

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Purpose and results of contact

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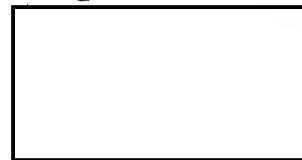
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Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/8/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

87-29385

87-28174

Purpose and results of contact

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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Date: 12/13/67

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-712)(P)
HSE/m SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR
OO: CHICAGO

Re Milwaukee airtel to Chicago, 11/24/67.

On 12/7/67, [REDACTED] (NA),
Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office was contacted and
furnished the following information:

He advised that per lease agreement dated 10/25/65,
a parcel of vacant land in the city limits of Sheboygan,
Wisconsin was going to be leased [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that this lease was to run for
50 years and said land was going to be developed [REDACTED]

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Chicago is requested to advised whether or not
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Special Agent in Charge

HOOD PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO TAX EVASION

Guido Fidanzi, 40, a crime syndicate hoodlum, pleaded not guilty yesterday in federal District court to four counts of income tax evasion.

Fidanzi, of 22 Arquilla dr., Chicago Heights, was indicted Oct. 10 on charges of understating his 1961 income by \$5,000 and evading payment of \$1,027 in taxes. Three counts charged that Fidanzi did not file income tax returns in 1963, 1964, and 1965. The government claims Fidanzi earned \$9,649 in 1963; \$11,240 in 1964; and \$14,740 in 1965. Judge Edwin Robson set Dec. 6 for hearing of pre-trial motions.

Fidanzi, who has been arrested nine times but has never been convicted, has been identified as an associate of James [Jimmy the Bomber] Catuara, south suburban rackets boss, and Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio, a mob terrorist. If convicted, Fidanzi could be imprisoned for up to eight years and fined up to \$40,000.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/10/67

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[REDACTED]	92-2167	[REDACTED]
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	92-2347	
	92-919	
	92-1371	
<u>JAMES CATUARA</u>		
Purpose and results of contact		
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<u>JAMES CATUARA - 92-1371</u>		
Informant advised that the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of 482 Congress, Portland Maine, had made an inquiry concerning the stability of Intercontinental Investment Corporation, in which CATUARA exercises control.		
[REDACTED]	92-2347	
CI advised that the Old Turkey Creek Country Club is presently up for sale and scheduled to be developed into residential lots.		
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Loan Outfit Witness Tells Of \$750,000 Mob Swindle

By Art Petacque

A 30-year-old financial manipulator for the crime syndicate has given investigators a detailed account of mob swindles totaling \$750,000, it was learned Thursday.

The talkative young man, who contends he was drafted to run a hoodlum-owned mortgage firm after being hooked with a juice loan, is considered a prime candidate for syndicate vengeance.

Consequently he has been held in protective custody since Nov. 23 in Cook County jail witness quarters, along with his wife, two young sons and the family's two dogs.

The witness, Harold Demarest, identified Guido (The Weed) Fidanzi as the boss of the mortgage firm, Intercontinental Management Agency, 1020 Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights.

Called Syndicate Terrorist

Investigators describe Fidanzi as a fast-rising syndicate terrorist and confidence man, as well as overseer for south suburban rackets chieftain James (Little Jimmy) Ca-tuara.

Demarest told investigators he was drafted to head the mortgage firm last July after falling behind \$10,000 in juice-loan payments.

Demarest previously was manager of the Dorchester Inn, a restaurant-night club in suburban Dolton, and has a background as a small-time confidence man.

During questioning in the jail witness quarters, he told of at least 10 cases in which individuals—mainly businessmen—were bilked out of a total of \$750,000.

Widow Involved

One case involved a Chicago

Heights widow, Mrs. Florence Zalman, 41, who corroborated Demarest's story.

The widow and her 16-year-old daughter Rhonda also were held in protective custody in the jail's witness quarters until last week, when they were moved to a safe place in another state.

As told by Demarest, this is a typical case of how businessmen were swindled:

A businessman with a none-too-savory reputation wanted \$250,000 to build a motel. Because of his background, he could not obtain financing from banks or legitimate mortgage firms.

An underworld source steered

him to Intercontinental. There he was told he must deposit \$50,000 as "earnest money" while the firm looked into the project and the borrower.

Weeks passed and the potential borrower heard nothing of his loan. When he inquired, he was told the loan application had been rejected. When he asked for his earnest money back, he was told of the "high cost" of hiring people to investigate loan applications: There would be no refund.

He protested and was threatened by the swindlers. Because of his shady past, the businessman decided to take his loss and keep quiet.

Impress Suckers

Demarest told investigators the Intercontinental firm used a \$500,000 "certified check"—which he believed was phony—to impress suckers as an indication of the firm's assets.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents have been checking on possible violations of federal laws in the operation

of the mortgage firm, it was learned.

They, in turn, handed local

aspects of the case to Sheriff Joseph I. Woods and to Charles Siragusa, executive director of the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission.

State's Atty. John Stamos has assigned an assistant state's attorney, Thomas Hett, to present the case to the Cook County grand jury.

Hidden In Motel

When Demarest first began to co-operate with authorities, he was secreted in a south suburban motel. Later, it was decided that he—and his family—would be safer in jail.

The case of the widow Zalman provided a new twist in the swindle scheme, according to accounts supplied by Demarest.

After the death of her husband Henry, member of a family that has long operated a furniture store in Chicago Heights, a woman friend of Mrs. Zalman suggested she contact Intercontinental for help in collecting her late husband's assets.

Mrs. Zalman told investigators she was induced by Demarest and Fidanzi to sign a power of attorney that gave them control over her husband's estate.

She said Demarest — being prodded by Fidanzi — talked her out of \$9,000 worth of jewelry. Investigators later spotted Fidanzi's wife wearing some of the jewelry, it was learned.

The case took a new turn after Demarest started talking.

Reports \$20,000 Offer

Fidanzi, realizing he was under investigation, began sending swindling victims to the state's attorney's office with suggestions that they sign complaints against Demarest.

Demarest said when he was drafted to run the mortgage firm he was installed as pres-

ident and all the company's stock was put in his name.

The father of Demarest has reported that he was approached by Fidanzi and offered \$20,000 to pass on to the son if the younger Demarest would come back to work and stop talking.

Intercontinental operates from the same office as the R&B Collection Agency, a debt-collecting outfit that figured in a murder last February. Fidanzi is listed as one of the owners of R&B.

Murdered was Wesley M. Funicella, 38, of South Holland, an employee of R&B.

His body was found in the trunk of his auto in Blue Island. He had been beaten and strangled. A length of rope was drawn tightly around his

neck.

Funicella's slaying, still unsolved, was entered in the Chi-

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (92-1371)

DATE: 12/19/67

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (92-618) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
"The Bomber"
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[redacted] protect identity), advised
SA [redacted] that he had received a telephone call from
[redacted] who stated they were having trouble in LaPorte,
South Bend, and Michigan City, Indiana, with the Health
Department regarding placing pizza in those cities. [redacted] said
[redacted] mentioned should he be able to intercede, to call JIMMY
CATUARA at Telephone Number GA 4-7411, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] contact JIMMY CATUARA by
telephone in an effort to possibly elicit additional information
from him. at which time JIMMY said they were having trouble with
[redacted]

[redacted] stated he is of the opinion that JIMMY was referring to [redacted]

[redacted] said
JIMMY mentioned they were having trouble with the Health Department;
however, he did not state whether they were local health departments
or the State Health Department in Indianapolis regarding placing
pizzas in South Bend, LaPorte, and Michigan City, Indiana, which
pizzas are produced by the Panzina Pizza Company, Hammond, Indiana.

[redacted] said he did make a couple of inquiries, however,
never rendered any actual service concerning JIMMY's troubles in
Indiana.

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(lcc [redacted] Crime Conditions, Lake County, Indiana)

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Syndicate Figure Demands Lie Test For Self And Accuser

By Art Petacque

A crime syndicate figure named in an alleged \$750,000 swindling operation said Sunday he would demand a lie detector test to prove his innocence.

Guido Fidanzi, 40, identified by investigators as a crime syndicate financial manipulator and confidence man, told of his plans in a telephone call to a Sun-Times reporter.

While granting that he is "no angel," Fidanzi said he was outraged at charges linking him to the series of swindles.

Has Been Summoned

Fidanzi said he has been summoned to appear next Friday in the state's attorney's fraud and complaint department to answer questions about the matter.

He also will demand at that time that this accuser, Harold Demarest, submit to a lie test, Fidanzi said.

Demarest told investigators about the alleged swindles. Considered a potential target for syndicate extinction, he has been held in protective custody in Cook County Jail witness quarters since Nov. 23, along with his wife, two young sons and the family's two dogs.

This newspaper disclosed last month that Demarest, 30, told investigators he was drafted to run a hoodlum-owned mortgage company after being hooked with a juice loan.

He identified Fidanzi as boss of the mortgage firm, International Management Agency, 1020 Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights.

The Prime Targets

According to Demarest, the prime targets for swindles totaling some \$750,000 were

businessmen unable to get business loans through legitimate channels such as banks.

Such businessmen were required to deposit as much as \$50,000 in "earnest money" with the mortgage firm while their requests for loans were

"investigated," Demarest said. In the end, he said, they didn't get the loan — and didn't get their deposit back.

Fidanzi in his telephone call to the reporter — a rare move for a syndicate figure — said that if any confidence game was carried out Demarest was the man behind it.

Fidanzi confirmed that he has sent to the state's attorney's office three persons who came to him to complain about being bilked out of money.

He said he suggested they sign complaints against Demarest.

'A Sizable Amount'

Fidanzi described the three as two career Army men and a carpet salesman.

Asked how much money was involved in the three complaints, Fidanzi said he didn't know, "but it must have been a sizable amount" in view of the skillness of the complaints.

Fidanzi's role in the financial manipulations described by Demarest has been under

investigation since last month by the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission. Also involved in the investigation are deputies of Sheriff Joseph L. Woods and Assistant State's Atty. Thomas Hett, who was assigned to this case by State's the Federal Bureau of Investigation are seeking to deter-

mine whether any federal laws were violated.

Fidanzi, in revealing his plan to demand the lie-box tests for himself and Demarest, pictured himself as grievously harmed by the allegations.

"I don't like to do this," he said, "but I have no choice."

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TO : SAC , 92-1371

DATE: 1/11/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES "the bomber" CATUAPA
AD

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at the F & B

Collection Agency, Chicago Heights, Ill. Based upon FBI information
Cook Co. Grand Jury is expected to indict several associates of
of the subject. [REDACTED]

is not furnishing complete information regarding his association
with the hoodlum element. Informant stated that approximately

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Above submitted for information and it is not known if [REDACTED]
was associated with the subject at the time of his Pockford activity.



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REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA dated 9/18/67.

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Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they are developed.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate subject's activity in the organized crime field.

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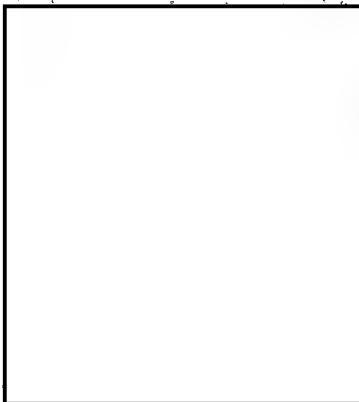
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 1/2/68

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. He is in daily contact with the R & B Collection Agency, Intercontinental Investment Corporation Mortgage Brokers and Manhattan Management, all located at 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. These businesses are operated by GUIDO FIDANZI, a subordinate of CATUARA. Confidence schemes and fraud violations being operated by FIDANZI set forth. Subject's illegal activities described.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] (NA), Oak Lawn, Illinois, Police Department, advised that he is continuing to conduct "spot checks" of the subject's residence at 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue and noticed nothing of a suspicious nature.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cook County Sheriff's Police, Bedford Park, Illinois, advised that he has been in contact with other unnamed law enforcement officials and determined that the subject is involved in frauds. [REDACTED] stated these frauds are being perpetrated under the business operations known as R & B Collection Agency, Inter-continental Investment Corporation Mortgage Brokers and Manhattan Management. All of these concerns are managed by GUIDO FIDANZI, however, CATUARA completely controls FIDANZI but makes an effort to avoid involvement in any of the schemes. [REDACTED] stated the following were the victims of different types of frauds:

[REDACTED]

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[redacted]

[redacted] advised that CATUARA and FIDANZI are currently operating from a business known as Intercontinental Investment Corporation Mortgage Brokers. He stated that on October 20, 1967, he obtained the following information:

The telephone number is 312-756-4300. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] According to the informant, the company was incorporated in June of 1967, with a paid-in capital of \$1,000.00. [redacted]

[redacted]

The company operates as a mortgage broker arranging for real estate mortgage loans, using money of others. Services are on a commission basis. There are six employees and their office occupies 900 square feet on the first floor of a two story brick building at 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Informant advised that this company also operates under the name Manhattan Management and that to the best of his knowledge, all of the schemes are fraudulent; however, due to the efforts of [redacted] and other attorneys who are friendly to CATUARA, actual law violations are extremely difficult to prove.

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[REDACTED]

The Cleveland Office advised on October 6, 1967, that the games for the above Continental Football Team were to be played at the Akron Rubber Bowl, Akron, Ohio, which is operated by the City of Akron. The source stated that the

[REDACTED]

By communication dated November 17, 1967, the Cleveland Office advised that the football team for the Continental League, known as the Akron Vulcans, had folded. Newspaper articles disclosed that the following individuals were involved in the operation of the team:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

State's Attorney for Cook County, Illinois, subsequently advised that he intended to present the above matter to the Cook County Grand Jury, in an attempt to indict FIDANZI and CATUARA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was furnishing substantial information regarding the fraudulent activities of FIDANZI and CATUARA. [REDACTED] indicated that as soon as his information could be verified, the matter would be placed before the Grand Jury.

On October 11, 1967, Federal Grand Jury, in Chicago, indicted GUIDO FIDANZI, 220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for tax evasion. He was charged, among other things, with filing no Federal Tax Return from 1963 through 1965, when his alleged income was \$35,629.00. The 'Chicago Tribune,' a daily newspaper, on October 19, 1967, contained an article which read in part as follows:

"GUIDO FIDANZI, age 40, a crime syndicate hoodlum, pleaded not guilty to four counts of income tax evasion. FIDANZI, who has been arrested nine times but has never been convicted, has been identified as an associate of JIMMY "The Bomber" CATUARA, south suburban rackets boss. If convicted, FIDANZI could be imprisoned for up to eight years and fined up to \$40,000.00."

Assistant United States Attorney SHELDON DAVIDSON was recontacted and advised that he has been unable to obtain a Federal Grand Jury indictment against FIDANZI and others under Federal Fraud by Wire Statutes. He stated he intends to present the matter to the Grand Jury at his earliest opportunity.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that PHIL ALDERISIO, Chicago hoodlum, gave JIMMY CATUARA instructions to have [REDACTED] physically beaten up [REDACTED] CATUARA told [REDACTED] to do the job but that he, [REDACTED] was not to be killed. This source advised that approximately every two weeks, CATUARA can be observed

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at the Aunt Jamina Pancake House, located in the Bloom Township Plaza, at Chicago Heights. He is usually joined by AL PILOTTA, head of Hod Carriers Union, Local Number Five, Chicago Heights.

[redacted] advised that at 9:45 a.m., on October 26, he observed CATUARA at the coffee shop located at 31st and Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois. A man came up to CATUARA and CATUARA was overheard telling the individual to "bring the other guys some coffee". CATUARA indicated that the coffee was for the operators of a wire room gambling operation in the neighborhood.

[redacted] advised that he had recently determined that WESTLEY FUNICELLA, who was murdered in gangland fashion approximately six months ago, was killed in order to save GUIDO FIDANZI. According to the informant, FUNICELLA was killed by [redacted]. According to the informant's report, FIDANZI had stolen money that was due the "outfit" and when they discovered the money was missing, FIDANZI convinced CATUARA that FUNICELLA had stolen it and as a result, he was killed.

The informant advised that [redacted] and CATUARA have recently taken over ownership of a frozen pizza manufacturing company in Indiana. The informant believes that the trade name is known as Panzinni's Pizzas.

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The informant stated that the GUZZINOs are presently salesmen for the Willard Oldsmobile Company in Chicago Heights. The company is actually owned by [redacted] who is still an active burglar.

On November 22, 1967, [redacted] advised that two individuals from Iowa were currently having a meeting with FIDANZI regarding some type of unknown loan. The informant stated that in all probability this was some type of fraud that was being conducted by FIDANZI. Investigation established that the individuals drive automobiles registered to [redacted]

[redacted] and held meetings with FIDANZI. Subsequent investigation indicates that they are involved in several financial transactions with FIDANZI and a separate investigation is being conducted into their activities. Above informant advised that [redacted] resided in room [redacted] and listed an address of [redacted]. He has Illinois drivers license number [redacted]. Informant is of the opinion that this individual is identical with an individual known as [redacted]

The FBI Identification Division furnished the following arrest record for GUIDO FIDANZI, under FBI record number 311 369 D:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Co. Jail, Chicago, Ill.	GUIDO FIDANZI #188313	3/15/56	larc. (2) con game	3/15/56 bail given on chg of con game
PD Chicago Heights, Ill.	GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI #440-59	10/14/59	confidence game	5/20/60 case dismissed
PD Chicago Heights, Ill.	GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI #440-59	2/19/60	(Confidence Game) DC	SOL on chg of DC

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD Chicago Heights, Ill.	GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI #440-59	3/22/60	Confidence game	
PD Homewood, Ill.	GUIDO FIDANZI #--	1/11/61	Obtaining money under false pretenses check	
PD Chicago Heights, Ill.	GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI #440-59	2/20/60	confidence game	SOL
PD Chicago Heights, Ill.	GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI #440-59	3/22/60	confidence game	nolle prosse
Cook Co. Sheriff's PD, Bedford Park, Argo, Ill.	GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI #38081-CR 2503-ID	12/30/65	T by deception	
USM, Chicago, Ill.	GUIDO J. FIDANZI #67229	10/11/67	Income Tax Laws	



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
January 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **CG 92-1371**

Title **JAMES CATUARA**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

- 3 - Bureau (92-6931)
- 1 - USA, Chicago
- ② - Chicago (92-1371)

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SAC, CLEVELAND (166-357)

1/16/68

SAC, CHICAGO (166-1094) (RUC)

[REDACTED]
SI AL
ITAR - EXTORTION
OO: CLEVELAND

Re Cleveland airtel to Chicago dated 12/28/67.

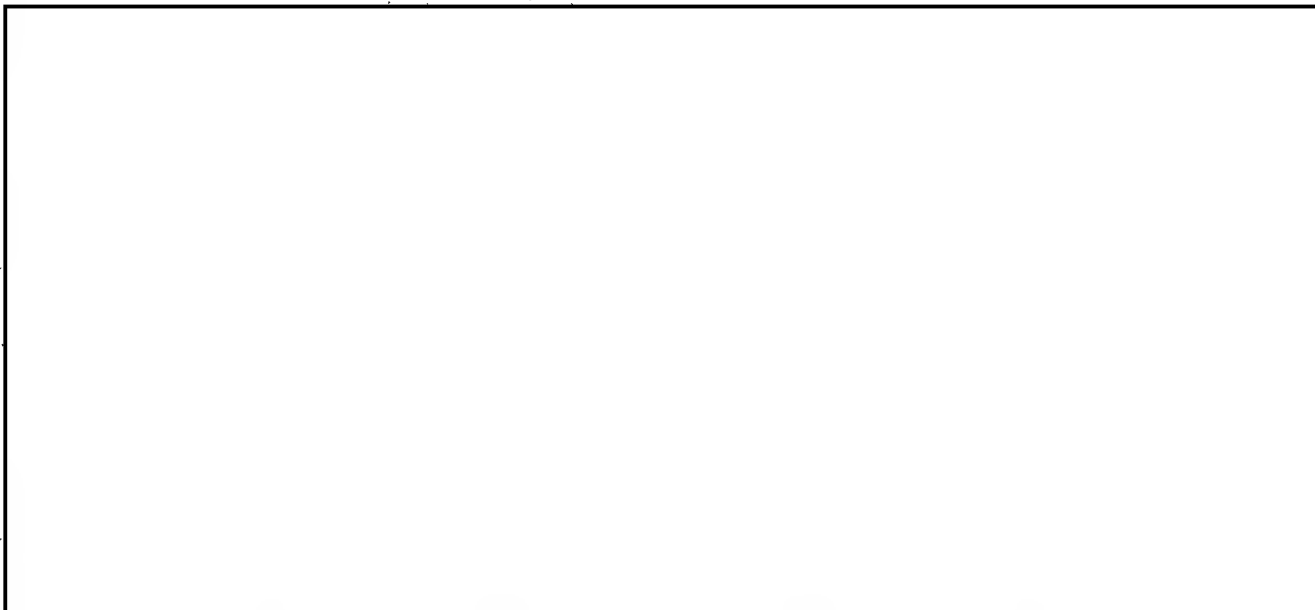
Cleveland please find enclosed photographs of
[REDACTED] No photograph is
available for [REDACTED] Chicago files contain
voluminous information regarding the above individual. In
the interest of brevity, the following "thumbnail sketch"
is being submitted for the benefit of the Cleveland and St.
Louis Offices.

2 - Cleveland (Enc. 2)
2 - St. Louis
2 - Chicago
① - 92-1371
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Chicago does not consider it advisable to interview [redacted] at the present time in view of numerous investigations presently pending against the above subjects. Cook County Assistant State's Attorney [redacted] advised that he contemplates calling most of the above individuals before the Cook County Grand Jury in the near future.

Chicago has no information regarding Nationwide Bond and Investment Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

St. Louis is requested to furnish Chicago copies of any report regarding development of information regarding Nationwide.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 1/18/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATURA
A/R

On 1/5/68 [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA, s [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Concerning JIMMY CATURA, source stated that he is definitely a member of the Chicago outfit, possibly a lieutenant, and the only thing he knows about CATURA is that in 1963 [REDACTED] with a store front which was supposed to be CATURA's game.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/24/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR

92-1371 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ET AL; TEIS

15-30286 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has no knowledge that either of these persons are involved in any illegal activity.

[REDACTED]

☐ Informant certified that he has
☒ furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

Coverage

Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted]

DATE: 1/24/68

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact		
1/16/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR	92-1371	[redacted]
[redacted] AR	92-2347	[redacted]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	Informant advised that the restaurant and nightclub formerly known as Valley View Farm on Highway 30 near Frankfort, Illinois, is currently known as Pleasure Acres. An associate of CATUARA named [redacted] is currently [redacted] Informant advised that [redacted]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
[redacted] At the present time there is no liquor served on the premises, and through advertisement he is gathering [redacted]		
[redacted]		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Same
[redacted]		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago [redacted]

DATE: January 25, 1968

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact 1/10, 23/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR

92-1371 (SA [redacted])

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

Informant advised on 1/23/68 that Catuara continues to control vice and gambling activities in southern Cook County. In addition to his other activities he allows certain individuals to operate in his territory. In this regard [redacted] are now peddling obscene film. They have 42 different films which they sell for either \$5. or \$6. a roll. He further advised that [redacted] with Caturara's approval, is pimping several girls in Harvey, Ill. He will attempt to obtain additional details of these activities and whether any interstate transportation is involved.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : *CRB* SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-712)(P)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 1/29/68

Re Milwaukee airtel to Chicago, 12/13/67.

Milwaukee Office has taken no further action regarding this matter. Chicago is requested to advise whether or not they desire to have interviewed regarding this matter.

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② - Chicago
2 - Milwaukee (92-712)
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Hunt \$2 Million Lost By 200 In Super Swindle

by Art Petacque

Federal and state investigators have teamed up in a treasure hunt for \$2,000,000.

The treasure was lost by 200 victims in a nationwide superconfidence game to three convicted swindlers based in suburban Zion.

The three have been sentenced to prison terms of 4 to 15 years.

Not a trace of the money has been found since the conviction of two men and a woman on Jan. 13 after a six-week trial in the U.S. District Court in Peoria.

Mastermind of the confidence game, Lewis C. Billingsley, 53, of Sacramento, Calif., Zion and Chicago, was sentenced to 15 years in a federal prison.

Harry Jaeger 51, formerly of Oak Park and a one-time Zion minister, received a four-year term. The woman, Mrs. Edith E. Friend, 56, a devout churchgoer who introduced Billingsley to his Zion victims, drew seven years.

Only Mrs. Friend was able to come up with a \$5,000 (\$500 cash) appeals bond. Both Billingsley, unable to make a \$25,000 bond (\$2,500 in cash), and Jaeger, who failed to raise \$5,000 (\$600 in cash) for his bond are in jail.

A fourth defendant, John R. Birdsen of Peoria, is scheduled to be tried later on the same fraud charges.

What happened to the esti-

mated \$2,000,000 bilked from their victims, many of whom were too embarrassed to prosecute, remained a mystery to federal and state investigators throughout the trial.

Investigators, however, in tracing the operations of the con game, learned that Billingsley encountered several crime syndicate figures in the course of his machinations.

In one instance, he wrote a worthless \$50,000 check for a now-defunct Wheeling investment firm operated by Guido Fidanzi, syndicate mortgage banker, for a \$12,000,000 letter of commitment.

Not only was Billingsley's check a phony, but so was the \$12,000,000 commitment paper, investigators said.

Billingsley brought down hoodlum wrath on himself with the worthless check and eventually had to make good half of the \$50,000, it was learned.

He never did get the \$12-

000,000 letter of commitment, it was learned.

Investigators came on the super-confidence scheme in 1961 when a woman from Zion went to Patrick Ruddy, chief investigator for the office of Illinois Atty. Gen. William G. Clark.

Invests Large Sum

She told a story of investing a large sum with her fellow parishioner, Billingsley, for

the construction of a high-rise complex of buildings in Denver. She had been promised what amounted to nearly instant financial return, but when that wasn't forthcoming, she flew to Denver to see for herself what progress was being made.

On the site she found, instead, an office with a desk and filing cabinet. Behind the desk was the crime syndicate mortgage front man Fidanzi, now under investigation by local and federal authorities on other complaints.

Fidanzi, the woman told Ruddy, showed her blueprints of the proposed complex and spoke of unavoidable delays in getting construction started.

Imaginary Project

After she told her story to Ruddy, investigators checked and found that the project existed only in the mind of Billingsley.

Investigators discovered

that Billingsley had joined a Zion church and was interlarding his daily speech with such terms as "Praise the Lord" and "Amen, brother."

He spoke glowingly of several projects, the Denver high-rise (sometimes a high-rise in Baltimore), an Ionics Research Trust, United Car Wash International Inc. and other nonexistent businesses.

In each case, Billingsley promised that these companies would pay off not only to the investors, but would also yield money for a new church.

Often, when time had passed without any promised

return on their investments, his fellow parishioners would complain to Jaeger and Billingsley, sometimes directly to Mrs. Friend. As an answer, Billingsley would call a prayer meeting.

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"The devil," he would say, "is working against you. The devil doesn't want you to earn profits because he doesn't want you to use any of the money you will get for God's work."

This seemed to pacify the most irate of the investors.

During the investigation by

Chief Postal Investigator Martin McGee and his top aide, George Head, a pattern of aid and assistance by a network of confidence men throughout the nation was uncovered. The investigators turned up letters, endorsements and guarantees written by con artists across the country "affirming" the soundness of Billingsley's projects.

Billingsley, despite the large amounts he collected from his victims, wound up with a debt of \$10,000 to the Diner's Club.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 2/15/68

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

JAMES CATUARA
AR

On February 12, 1967, while the writer was on complaint duty, he received an anonymous telephone call from an unidentified female who stated she had information about the "Syndicate". This female stated that this information dealt with narcotics and two men, one by the name of [REDACTED] and the other by the name of [REDACTED]. This caller further related that there was an airline stewardess FNU [REDACTED] who worked for United Airlines who is connected with the above named men and that she is to make some sort of a contact in the State of Washington regarding the above mentioned narcotics.

Before the writer could question the above caller any further regarding this matter, she hung up.

This information is being furnished to C-1 for any further handling.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **2/14/68**

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 2/2/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Criminal Influence in the Chicago	92-350 Sub 14	[redacted]
Police Department		
[redacted]	92-415	[redacted]
LCN	92-1173	
[redacted]	92-1184	
	92-374	
Purpose and results of contact	Interstate Gambling Activities	162-14
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	[redacted]	92-1478
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		92-1371
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	JAMES CATUARA	
See attached.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Same	Coverage Same
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[REDACTED] that JAMES CATUARA had personally visited the offices of Gaylur Mercantile on that date looking for PHIL ALDERISIO. CATUARA saw ALDERISIO briefly before ALDERISIO departed the office, and ALDERISIO reminded CATUARA that some years ago, CATUARA had obtained a washing machine and clothes dryer for ALDERISIO who had given them to his mother. ALDERISIO was now in need of a clothes dryer and wanted CATUARA to get in touch with his contact and obtain one for him.

CATUARA stated that he would not be able to get this item for ALDERISIO since his contact is presently serving a prison term.

During the course of conversation, CATUARA indicated to ALDERISIO [REDACTED] he is planning a trip to Florida in the immediate future and will be departing very soon, date not mentioned. ALDERISIO indicated that he too would be in Florida and might see him there.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/4/73

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The following observations were made in the vicinity of 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois on August 29, 1973:

1:30 PM A late model four-door Buick, white vinyl over gold, bearing 1973 Illinois license [redacted] observed entering driveway to residence at 9600 South Kilbourn. The garage door was opened by use of a remote control device.

3:45 PM Above mentioned vehicle observed exiting garage, driving west two blocks, and then north on Kenton Avenue to 95th Street.

4:30 PM A late model, white vinyl over green Ford Thunderbird, bearing 1973 Illinois [redacted] was observed in the driveway at the residence at 9600 South Kilbourn. Also observed at this time parked on 96th Street, opposite the residence at 9600 South Kilbourn was a late model brown vinyl over brown Ford LTD, bearing 1973 Illinois license [redacted] This vehicle was driven by a white male, late 30's, long dark hair, dark complexion 6' tall, 190 pounds.

4:30 PM Observed in the garage at the 9600 South Kilbourn residence was the vehicle observed at 3:16 PM.

5:34 PM Buick automobile (3:30 PM entry) observed leaving residence at 9600 South Kilbourn. Vehicle was occupied by two white males. Vehicle was observed proceeding west on

Interviewed on 8/29/73 at Oak Lawn, Illinois File # CG 92-1371-235
by SAs [redacted] CAF/lan Date dictated 9/3/73

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96th Street, south on Kenton Avenue,
west on 103rd Street, south on Cicero.

5:49 PM

Above described vehicle was observed entering
parking area of House of Hughes, 143rd Street
and Cicero Avenue.

6:15 PM

Surveillance terminated.

2/7/68

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, TAMPA
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-415) (P)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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OO: CHICAGO

[REDACTED] has advised that PHIL ALDERISIO telephonically contacted [REDACTED] at Tampa, Florida on [REDACTED] advising that he, ALDERISIO, would be in Tampa in the near future and would contact [REDACTED] ALDERISIO commented he would be in Miami, Florida, on 2/27/68 for the opening of the Parkinson Disease Drive, but would be in Tampa, Florida, before that date.

JAMES CATUARA, Chicago Top Hoodlum, stated to informant on 2/2/68 that he would be in Florida soon and might see PHIL ALDERISIO while there. No information as to what city he would visit in Florida.

The above is for the information of Tampa and Miami and it is suggested that informants in these divisions be alerted regarding the forthcoming visits of ALDERISIO

- 2 - Tampa
- 3 - Miami (92-184)
 - 1 - 92-1974 (CATUARA)
- ④ - Chicago
 - 1 - 92-511 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 92-1371 (CATUARA)
 - 1 - C-1 Tickler

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and CATUARA. If possible, ascertain contacts made and purpose of visit.

Chicago will maintain close contact with informant for additional travel data and other information.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-712)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)
SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
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Re your letter dated 1/29/68.

[REDACTED]
and reportedly is furnishing information regarding local swindle by subject and associates. Milwaukee requested to contact [REDACTED] and interview him regarding his knowledge of [REDACTED] association with this subject.

2-Milwaukee
1-Chicago
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , Chicago [redacted]

DATE: 2/23/68

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact		
2/20/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR		92-13371
		(SA [redacted])
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
[redacted]		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **3/4/68**

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FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 2/16, 23, 26/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
PHIL ALDERISIO	92-418	[redacted]
JAMES CATUARA	92-1371	[redacted]
CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN THE CHICAGO PD	92-350-Sub14	[redacted]
SAM BATTAGLIA	92-914	[redacted]
[redacted]	92-2321	[redacted]
GUS ALEX	92-373	[redacted]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	CIP [redacted] LCN	92-466 92-30722 [redacted] 92-511 92-1173
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Top Hoodlum

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This informant advised on February 16, 1968, that JIM CATUARA had been in contact with PHIL ALDERISIO on that date and had inquired of ALDERISIO what his piece of the action would be when everything opens up and further what kind of action ALDERISIO wanted CATUARA to become involved in. During the course of the conversation ALDERISIO again became elated and quite talkative about the Government's setback in the gambling field as a result of the Supreme Court's decision and talked in general about everything that is going to open up in the near future. The informant was unaware of any specific instructions ALDERISIO gave CATUARA but knows that CATUARA will be working for ALDERISIO and under his leadership.

CATUARA made no further mention of his travel plans of any kind as to when he might visit Florida.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/6/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

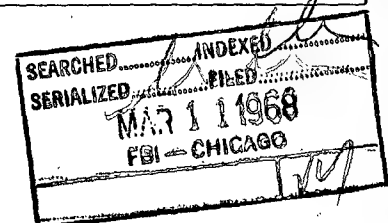
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		
3/6/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JAMES CATUARA, AR 92-1371 [REDACTED]		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC [REDACTED]		
[REDACTED] He learned that GUIDO FIDANZI had ordered 3 gross of pencils on 10/10/67 from the above firm and to date has not paid for them. He told the firm that he intended to borrow money from the Seaboard Loan Co. to settle his outstanding bills. The pencils (1-gr. each) have R & B Collection, Manhattan Managemnet & Intercontinental Investments. All have telephone numbers 756-4300 & 363-3505.		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Very Good	Same
cc: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: *March 13, 1968*

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		
3/7/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
[REDACTED]		92-1360
[REDACTED]		92-1160
[REDACTED]		92-2347
JOSEPH AIUPPA, aka, AR		92-677
[REDACTED] aka, AR		92-1359
WSTA CONTROL FILE, WSTA		31-4989
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	FRANK LA PORTE, aka, AR	92-920
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	JAMES CATUARA	92-1371
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	[REDACTED] aka, AR	92-671
	JOSEPH GAGLIANO, aka, AR	92-1315
	[REDACTED] aka, ITAR	166-new
<p>The PC furnished information which is being set out in the attached memorandum.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage 15, 26, 31, 88, 92, 165, 166

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TO : SAC

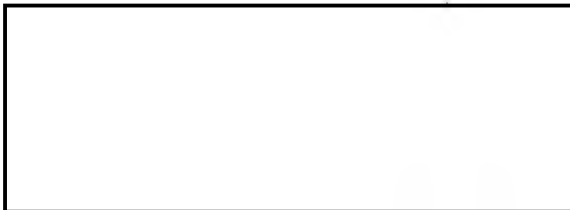
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3/15/68

FROM : SA



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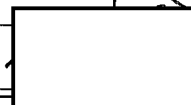
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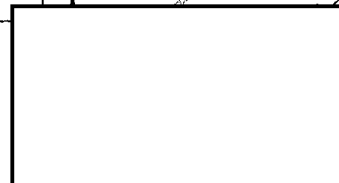
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INFORMANT ADVISED ON 3/15/68 THAT
JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA IS STAYING
AT THE CASTAWAYS, MIAMI, FLORIDA SINCE
3/5 or 3/6/68. THEY TRAVELED BY AIR,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ARE JOINING THEM

ON THIS DATE. THEY ARE ALSO
FLYING AND WILL STAY AT THE
CASTAWAYS.

INFORMANT MADE AVAILABLE A COPY
OF A TREATY ISSUED BY THE BROTHERHOOD
OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES OF AMERICA DESIGNATING CHURCH
OF CHRIST MANORS, INC. AS THEIR AGENT
AND SETTING FORTH THEIR GOALS IN
CONNECTION WITH A FINANCIAL AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. INFORMANT STATED
THAT [REDACTED]
ARE PRESENTLY ON A BUSINESS TRIP
IN ENGLAND.

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Date: 3/19/68

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TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931) (MAIL) AND SAC MIAMI
FROM: SAC CHICAGO (92-1371)✓

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AND MIAMI AWARE JAMES "JIMMY THE BOMBER"
CATUARA IS A TOP LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME CHICAGO WHO HAS
SUCCEEDED TO INTERESTS OF FRANK LA PORTE AS LEADER IN CHARGE
OF SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS LEARNED CATUARA
LEFT CHICAGO AREA EARLY MARCH AND IS CURRENTLY STAYING AT [REDACTED]
CASTAWAYS, MIAMI, WHERE HE INTENDS TO REMAIN UNTIL END OF
MONTH. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FLEW TO MIAMI WHERE THEY ALSO INTEND
TO STAY AT CASTAWAYS.

MIAMI VERIFY PRESENCE OF CATUARA THERE AND ATTEMPT
COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES.

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1 - [REDACTED]
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 3/21/68

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-712) (P)

HLR/mcm

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

Re Chicago airtel to Milwaukee 2/23/68.

On 3/18/68, [redacted] Sheboygan PD.
telephonically advised SA [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted] is presently out of town and will not return
until 3/25/68. [redacted] will be interviewed upon his return.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/11/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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CIP

92-466

92-511 [REDACTED]

CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN PUBLIC OFFICES CG AREAC92-350 Sub14 [REDACTED]

GUS ALEX

92-373 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
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[REDACTED]
JAMES CATUARA
ANTHONY SPILOTRO

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92-2563 [REDACTED]

☒ Informant certified that he has
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by him since last contact.

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This informant advised on March 1, 1968, that he had no further information concerning the travel plans of JAMES CATUARA. He commented that CATUARA is extremely close to one [redacted] and that sometime ago [redacted] took the rap for CATUARA and [redacted] in connection with the theft of a load of cigarettes. The informant was unable to further identify this theft and had no additional information concerning [redacted]

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Victim Describes Unpaid Career As Juice Racketeering Fall Guy

By Max Sonderby

Being defrauded of \$5,000 he paid in advance on a \$50,000 juice loan he never got did not discourage Donald Blazavier, 40, of Milwaukee, he said Monday in U.S. District Court here.

After losing the \$5,000, Blazavier said, he then went to work for the juice man and unwittingly became involved in cashing bad checks.

Blazavier, a witness in the income tax evasion trial of Guido Fidanzi, 40, of Chicago Heights, said he applied in 1964 to Fidanzi's World Wide Mortgage Co. in Wheeling for a \$50,000 loan to pay off \$40,000 in debts.

He said Fidanzi promised him the money if he paid \$5,000 in advance as the "banker's cut." Blazavier said he borrowed the \$5,000, from Dan Viola, an auto dealer friend in Kenosha,

Wis., paid it to Fidanzi, but never got the loan.

Worked Without Pay

Instead, Blazavier said he went to work for Fidanzi for six months without pay.

One of the jobs he was given to do, the witness related, was to cash two checks totaling \$2,300 in a drugstore in Zion, Ill. When the checks bounced, he said, Fidanzi gave him another check for \$5,700 to make good the \$2,300 and he brought back the change.

Blazavier said the \$5,700 check turned out to be worthless also. He said he was given a \$9,000 check to take to the drugstore, but by this time the bank had become curious and sent the police to the store.

The drugstore forwarded the \$9,000 check to the bank without advancing the change. That check bounced, too.

Check-Cashing Ring

Police found a check-cashing ring. One man was arrested and convicted. Blazavier admitted being involved without his knowledge.

The government also placed

Viola on the stand. He testified that when he went to World Wide to try to get back the \$5,000 he loaned Blazavier, Fidanzi told him in reference to Blazavier and a fellow employee:

"Don't blow the whistle on these guys. They are dumb. But they are my horses and I need them."

Viola said Fidanzi then arranged for Blazavier to sign a note for the \$5,000 and give it to Viola, who went back to Kenosha. Viola said that was the last he heard of his money.

Tax-Evasion Charge

Fidanzi is being tried before Judge William J. Lynch and a jury on charges of evading taxes from 1961 through 1965 on income of \$40,629. The government said he filed one return showing income of \$375 in 1961.

The court excluded all evidence of threats allegedly made to keep Blazavier in line.

Fidanzi is on the Chicago Crime Commission's list of hoodlums.

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Loan Advances Told at Trial

Two loan applicants testified in federal District court on how they were duped into advancing "front money" to a reputed crime syndicate figure, Guido Fidanzi, 40, of 220 Arquilla dr., Chicago Heights.

Government prosecutors continued their case today against Fidanzi in which they accuse him of failure to report \$5,000 income in 1963 and failure to file returns for 1963, 1964, and 1965.

Federal attorneys have avoided use of the words "juice" and "terror" in presenting witnesses to the jury in Judge William J. Lynch's courtroom.

Went in for Loan

Ben Beard, a Canton, Ill., insurance man, testified he met Fidanzi in November, 1964, when he went to the World Wide Mortgage company in Wheeling seeking a \$100,000 loan.

Beard said he advanced Fidanzi \$14,240, but never got the loan or his money back.

Donald J. Blazavier, 38, of Waukegan, told of giving Fidanzi \$5,000 as "front money" for a \$50,000 loan that never materialized. Blazavier said his mother and wife gave Fidanzi an additional \$2,300.

Blazavier, who operated a body shop at the time, also told of borrowing \$5,000 from a Kenosha, Wis., auto dealer to raise the "down payment" on his loan, of working in Fidanzi's office for 6 months without pay, and of cashing \$12,000 in worthless checks which he said Fidanzi made out in his name and which he was forced to make good.

Tell of \$9,000 Advance

The Kenosha auto dealer, Dan Viola, also testified yesterday.

Two other witnesses, officers of the defunct Mid-Continent Machinery company of Niles, told of advancing Fidanzi \$9,000

in 1962 in a \$425,000 deal to equip four coin-operated laundry stores. They said Fidanzi tore up a contract when they refused to advance another \$6,000.

Noel Simon, 7821 Nordica av., Niles, vice president of the company, testified Fidanzi told him "you've been had" when he tried to get his money back. The other witness was Kenneth E. Fabry, president of Mid-Continent.

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~~THREE~~ GOVERNMENT WITNESSES testified in U.S. District Court that Guido Fidanzi, 40, of Chicago Heights, bilked them of large sums of money on the promise of handsome profits that never materialized. Fidanzi is charged with evading taxes on \$40,629 in income between 1961 and 1965.

The witnesses were Bruce Jester, of Dallas; John McPherson, of East Chicago, and Eugene Shorts, of Hales Corners, Wis.

McPherson testified that he gave Fidanzi \$4,950 in 1963 to invest in two night clubs and three houses of prostitution, but got back only \$2,500 of it over five years. Shorts said he gave Fidanzi \$5,740 to invest in 1965, and never saw him again until the trial.

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Juice Shark Fidanzi Guilty Of Tax Evasion, Gets 5 Years

Guido Fidanzi, crime-syndicate juice man, was found guilty of income tax evasion Wednesday by a federal jury after a week long trial.

Fidanzi, 40, of 220 Arquilla, Chicago Heights, was immediately sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge William J. Lynch to five years in prison and fined \$5,000.

The jury deliberated 30 minutes before deciding Fidanzi was guilty of evading \$1,153 in income taxes for 1961 and of not filing any returns from 1963 to 1965 when the government charged, he had an income of \$25,629 from swindles and confidence games.

Lynch hiked Fidanzi's bond from \$1,500 to \$10,000 and set

April 13 for a hearing on whether he should begin serving his sentence immediately.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Richard J. Schultz asked that Fidanzi's bond be canceled altogether because, he said, Fidanzi had threatened "to shoot or cut off parts of the bodies of 10 people."

Schultz charged that Fidanzi in 1967 had swindled three victims out of \$53,100 in a loan racket in which he was associated with Felix (Milwaukee Phil) Alderisio, another crime-syndicate figure.

Fidanzi has been described by the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission as a fast-rising syndicate terrorist and confidence man as well as overseer for south suburban rack-

ets chieftain James (Little Jimmy) Catuara. His prior record showed he had been arrested nine times but never convicted.

Fidanzi was said to be one of the owners of the R & B Collections Agency, 1020 Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, a debt-collecting outfit that figured in the February, 1967, gangland slaying of Wesley M. Funicella, 33, of South Holland, an employee of R & B.

Funicella's body was found in the trunk of his auto in Blue Island. He had been beaten and strangled. A length of rope was drawn tightly around his neck.

During Fidanzi's income tax trial the government presented a series of witnesses who testified the reputed juice-loan shark had cheated them.

One witness, Donald Blazavier, 40, of Milwaukee, testified that he paid Fidanzi \$7,300 in return for the promise of a \$50,000 loan.

Blazavier said Fidanzi never made the loan, never returned the \$7,300 and forced him to work as a messenger without pay for six months.

In a statement to the jury, Edward J. Callahan, Fidanzi's lawyer, said his client had "engaged in reprehensible conduct" but argued he was innocent of the tax charge.

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DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
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Subject is a leader of the Crime Syndicate in Southern Cook
County/ anonymous source advised that (inu) [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
with two of the subjects associates in narcotics being transported
to the state of Washington. [REDACTED]

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At O'Hara RA Will descreetly contact United Airlines for
background on [REDACTED] makes frequent
flights to Wash.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI☐ SI☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI☐ PSI☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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He claimed that Catuara is branching out into Will County where he will be overseeing interests in gambling, bookmaking, juke boxes, cigarette machines and other interests.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-712) (RUC)
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SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

DATE: April 19, 1968

Re Chicago airtel to Milwaukee, February 23, 1968, and Milwaukee telephone call to Chicago, April 9, 1968.

Enclosed for Chicago are nine copies of an FD 302 reflecting interview of [REDACTED]

Chicago will note [REDACTED] has an extensive and complete file regarding instant transaction and has indicated a willingness to testify regarding information contained in enclosed FD 302.

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Bond Revoked, Fidanzi Jailed

By Earl Moses

Extortionist Guido Fidanzi was jailed Thursday after U.S. District Court Judge William J. Lynch revoked his \$10,000 appeal bond because of testimony that Fidanzi made torture threats.

Eleven persons testified that Fidanzi, who was sentenced by Lynch last March 27 for income tax evasion, had threatened to torture them. Fidanzi had been free on bond pending an appeal of the conviction.

Several of the witnesses testified that Fidanzi, 40, of 220 Arquilla, Chicago Heights, also threatened their children.

Said Judge Lynch: "This court has heard enough evidence to be convinced that this man should be off the streets.

"He is a man of violence. He's quick tempered, he uses in-temperate language and he's a menace to the community."

During the bond revocation hearing, reports Sun-Timesman Max Sonderby, Lynch excluded youthful spectators from the courtroom because of the profanity testified to.

Witnesses who had, or observed, financial dealings with Fidanzi pictured him as a hot-tempered, imaginative swindler who operated in several states through a variety of business fronts, offering everything from color television sets to houses of prostitution.

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TO : SAC, COLUMBIA

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, AKA; ET AL, AR; ITSP; FBW.

SUBJECT, AN EX-CONVICT, IS CURRENT LEADER OF ORGANIZED
CRIME IN SOUTHERN CHICAGO SUBURBS. SUBJECT'S ASSOCIATE GUIDO
FIDANZI PRESENTLY SERVING FIVE YEAR FEDERAL SENTENCE. USA'S
OFFICE, CHICAGO, ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOCAL PROSECUTOR, HAS INFORMATION
REGARDING FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES OF CATUARA AND FIDANZI. HE
CONTEMPLATES OBTAINING LOCAL INDICTMENTS AGAINST BOTH.

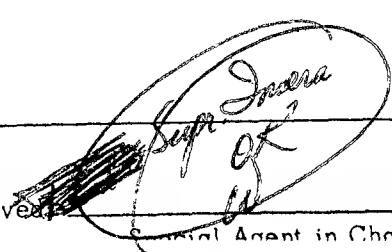
COLUMBIA WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] ON ALL ASPECTS OF LOCAL
CASE AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFO WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION.

CHICAGO CURRENTLY OO IN NUMEROUS SUBSTANTIVE FBW
INVESTIGATIONS ON NATIONWIDE BASIS INVOLVING CATUARA HOODLUM
GROUP.

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TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931)

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (92-1371) ✓

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

REMYTEL TO COLUMBIA APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

AS BUREAU AWARE, CATUARA CURRENTLY ASSUMING GREATER CONTROL OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN SOUTHERN CHICAGO SUBURBS. GUIDO FIDANZI, UNDERLING OF CATUARA, IS PRESENTLY SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE CHICAGO ITSP-FBW INVESTIGATION. FIDANZI PRESENTLY SERVING FIVE YEAR SENTENCE FOR TAX EVASION BASED UPON FRAUD VICTIMS TESTIMONY DEVELOPED BY FBI INVESTIGATION. INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS DISCLOSED CATUARA PRESENT DURING MANY OF FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS BY FIDANZI; HOWEVER, CATUARA HAS ALWAYS REMAINED IN BACKGROUND. FRAUD DEALINGS REPORTEDLY HAVE NETTED IN EXCESS OF ONE QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS IN PAST YEAR. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INCLUDE CATUARA AS PART OF CONSPIRACY. TWO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS IDENTIFIED AND INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION. COLUMBIA HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW LOCAL PROSECUTOR, CONWAY, S.C., RE FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES OF CATUARA AND FIDANZI SINCE VICTIMS

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WERE REPORTEDLY DEFRAUDED OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS THERE.

MILWAUKEE RECONTACT VICTIM [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN
COPIES OF PERTINENT DOCUMENTS THAT DISCLOSE FRAUDULENT INFO
AND OBTAIN ALL INFO AS TO CATUARA'S PARTICIPATION IN
FRAUD. ALSO DETERMINE IF ANY RESTITUTION OF TWENTY TWO
THOUSAND DOLLARS MADE BY FIDANZI AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.
OTHER INVESTIGATION TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE
VIOLATIONS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN PENNSYLVANIA, IOWA,
INDIANA AND ALASKA.

AM COPIES TO COLUMBIA AND MILWAUKEE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 92-1371

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATURA
AR

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] 4/4/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 4/16/68 [REDACTED] Investigator in Charge,
United Air Lines, O'Hare International Airport, advised
that his air line does employ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Her date of birth is listed as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he would keep the FBI advised of the
status of [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : SA SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Informant advised that he had talked with an individual named [REDACTED] (lmU) who claimed to be an associate of GUIDO FIDANZI. FIDANZI is making statements to the effect that he will remain free on an appeal bond until [REDACTED] will reverse the conviction for income tax evasion. Informant pointed out that this is heresay as he assumes that this is only FIDANZI's way of attempting to impress his criminal associates. Noted that FIDANZI's bond has been revoked and he is presently in jail.		
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FROM CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, AKA; AR; OO: CHICAGO.

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REMYTEL, APRIL TWENTY FOUR INSTANT.

[REDACTED] CONTACTED APRIL TWENTYFOUR

INSTANT AND STATES HIS ATTORNEY IS SAME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN DEFRAUDED OF FORTY

THOUSAND DOLLARS BY CATUARA'S UNDERLING GUIDO FIDANZI. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIDANZI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OPERATING AS SWISS INVESTMENT CORPORATION, CHICAGO

HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS, CLAIMED THEY COULD "FUND" THE TEAMSTER LOAN

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AND PROVIDED OPERATING CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL. BASED ON THIS
ASSERTION, [REDACTED] OBTAINED WESTERN UNION MONEY
ORDER FROM SOUTH CAROLINA BANK FOR SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS, WHICH THEY TURNED OVER TO [REDACTED]
AND OTHERS. [REDACTED] AND OTHERS AT REQUEST OF [REDACTED] TRAVELED
TO FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA EXPECTING TO OBTAIN PROCEEDS OF
"FUNDED LOAN." THEY WERE RECALLED TO CHICAGO AND TOLD "THE
DEAL FELL THROUGH," BUT WERE SHOWN A CASHIERS CHECK FOR SEVEN
HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BY FIDANZI, WHO
SAID IT WAS HIS MONEY AND HE WOULD MAKE IT AVAILABLE IF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PRODUCED ADDITIONAL TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
DOLLARS AS "FINDER'S FEE." BASED ON THIS STATEMENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OBTAINED THIS AMOUNT BY WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER FROM
BANK IN MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO

[REDACTED] AND OTHERS AT [REDACTED]

LOAN NOT FORTHCOMING AND [REDACTED] CLAIMS ATTORNEY [REDACTED] IS LOCAL
PROSECUTOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WILL INDICT TEN INDIVIDUALS
ON LOCAL FRAUD CHARGES. THIS GROUP INCLUDES CHICAGO HOODLUMS

[REDACTED] GUIDO FIDANZI AND JAMES CATUARA.

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[REDACTED] IN CONTACT WITH USA'S OFFICE, CHICAGO AND SUPPOSED TO VISIT FIDANZI AT COOK COUNTY JAIL IN LAST EFFORT TO OBTAIN LOAN OR REFUND OF MONEY FURNISHED. CATUARA REPORTEDLY ADVISED [REDACTED] TO CONVEY MESSAGE TO FIDANZI THAT HE SHOULD REPAY MONEY IN ORDER TO TAKE "HEAT OFF" CATUARA OR FIDANZI "BETTER REMAIN IN JAIL FOR REST OF HIS LIFE." CATUARA CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF FRAUD AND STATES TO [REDACTED] HE ONLY ALLOWED FIDANZI TO USE OFFICE TO CONDUCT LEGITIMATE BUSINESS. CATUARA HAS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS TO OTHER FRAUD VICTIMS AND NEVER ADMITS PARTICIPATION IN FRAUDS..

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[REDACTED] CLAIMS HE IS A PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE OF FORMER TEAMSTER UNION PRESIDENT JAMES HOFFA, AND HAS PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED IN INVESTIGATION OF TEAMSTER'S UNION..

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING..

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 JAMES CATUARA, aka.
 ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Immediately forward to Bureau letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination containing details concerning Teamster Union loan of 3½ million dollars and reported connection of [redacted] and others referred to in referenced teletype, with this transaction.

In the event a substantive violation is developed concerning activities of Catuara and Guido Fidanzi in connection with fraudulent schemes referred to in referenced teletype and previous teletypes from your office, an appropriate substantive case should be opened and immediate investigation instituted and reported in the substantive case.

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(Priority)TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (87-New)
(92-6931)FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (87-31230)
✓(92-1371)SUBJECT: ITSP - FBW MATTERS
CHICAGO DIVISIONJAMES CATUARA, aka.
AR
(OO: Chicago)

For the information of the Bureau and all offices receiving copies of this airtel, extensive AR intelligence type investigation into the activities of JAMES CATUARA, aka. "The Bomber", a leader of organized crime in Southern Cook County, Illinois, has revealed the existence of a nationwide operation of confidence type swindles perpetrated by individuals under the control of CATUARA, and primarily his lieutenant, GUIDO FIDANZI.

CATUARA is currently assuming greater control of organized crime in Southern Cook County.

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FIDANZI is presently serving a five-year sentence for tax evasion based upon fraud victims' testimony which was developed by FBI investigation. Investigation has disclosed CATUARA present during many fraudulent transactions by FIDANZI; however, CATUARA has always remained in the background. Fraud dealings reportedly have netted in excess of \$250,000 in the past year.

Chicago is presently investigating a case entitled [redacted] Intercontinental Investment Corporation; [redacted] Serenity Investment Company - VICTIM, ITSP - FBW", Bureau file 87-99026, Chicago file 87-30243.

As a result of the file review of the above case, the following separate cases are being opened in this division:

[redacted]
GUIDO FIDANZI, Doing Business as
Intercontinental Investment Corporation;
Photo Associates, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania -
VICTIM
ITSP - FBW
(OO: Chicago)

[redacted] Photo Associates, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, paid \$7,500 to account of Intercontinental Investment Company, Pullman National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, after subjects advised upon repayment of this sum loan of \$100,000 the 6½% could be obtained. The loan was never made, and \$7,500 never returned. Western Union and telephone used in this case. Copies of telegrams in 1-A file.

[redacted]
GUIDO FIDANZI, Doing Business as
Intercontinental Investment Corporation;
Serenity Investment Company,
Davenport, Iowa - VICTIM
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paid \$29,600 to Intercontinental Investment Corporation as finder's fee on loan. No loan received. Fee not repaid. Serenity was attempting to obtain loan of \$505,200 to purchase land for a cemetery. [redacted] furnished his telephone bills showing numerous calls to Intercontinental.

GUIDO FIDANZI.

[redacted]
Doing Business as Swiss Mortgage and
Investment Corporation and Intercontinental
Investment Corporation
ITSP - FEW
(OO: Indianapolis)

[redacted] FIDANZI
to become part of check cashing scheme and in swindle scheme
in which he and FIDANZI to claim to have certain merchandise,
for which they collect and never deliver. [redacted]
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GUIDO FIDANZI;

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[redacted] VICTIM
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GUIDO FIDANZI:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

ITSP - FBW
(OO: Indianapolis)

This file reveals [REDACTED] reportedly taken for \$9,000
by subjects [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No other details available.

GUIDO FIDANZI:

[REDACTED]

Doing Business as Intercontinental
Investment Corporation;
VICTOR BARBIERI, Gary, Indiana - VICTIM
ITSP - FBW
(OO: Indianapolis)

[REDACTED]

The following cases are presently under investigation
by this division:

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GUIDO FIDANZI:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VICTIM

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Victim paid [REDACTED] FIDANZI \$35,000 in 6/67, for air conditioners which were never delivered. Informant is not sure of [REDACTED] involvement, however, believes interstate check involved in defrauding. Victim has not been interviewed but has told [REDACTED] he will cooperate with FBI.

GUIDO FIDANZI;
JAMES CATUARA;

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Subjects, through defrauding, obtained \$40,000 from victims and have not produced any type of financing. Note that information obtained from victim [REDACTED] who may be involved as subject in other defraud schemes himself.

Based on the above information, separate cases have been opened.

For the information of all offices receiving copies of this communication, recent developments in connection with this case and related cases point out the desirability of having a main control file. In Chicago, Chicago file 87-31230 has been designated as a control file and all offices are requested

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to designate a copy of any communication which may have a bearing on the above captioned matters to this control file, as well as the case file. A copy should be directed to the control file even in those cases in which it may not appear that Chicago has any direct interest. It is not known at this time how many such instances will be found in other divisions; however, in view of the apparent scope and complexity of this operation, it is apparent that one office should coordinate and direct this investigation so that every office involved will have the benefit of the information developed by other offices. The Chicago Office is, therefore, assuming origin in this matter until such time as it may be determined that another office has developed definite substantive federal violations and/or obtained process against any of the subjects involved in this operation.

Files of the Chicago Office are presently being reviewed for any information involving other schemes to defraud by FIDANZI and [REDACTED] and cases on each victim will promptly be opened upon completion of this file review.

For information of the Bureau and all offices receiving this airtel, Chicago intends to index all subjects as well as victims, as a separate case will be opened on each victim.

This investigation is being handled as a special in the Chicago Office and one agent is being assigned to coordinate the investigations.

No leads are being set out at this time until after completion of Chicago's file review, after which they will be promptly set forth to all interested offices.

In view of the scope of this operation, this matter is to be henceforth handled as a special by all offices concerned. Forthcoming leads should receive preferred and expeditious handling and Bureau and Chicago kept advised.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6931)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
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Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 4/25/68 requesting LHM concerning alleged teamster union loan of three and one half million dollars and reported connection with [redacted] of Virginia.

Additional investigation by Chicago has determined that [redacted] mentioned in Chicago teletype 4/24/68, is apparently identical to subject in case entitled [redacted] ITSP
FBW OO: Dallas, Bufile 87-945050.

Bureau is in receipt of Dallas report of SA [redacted] dated 5/23/67. This report sets forth the activities of [redacted] and indicates [redacted] is possibly a "con-man". In addition [redacted] was reinterviewed by Buagents on 12/10/64 at [redacted] and admitted that all information he has previously reported to agents was heresay and that he had never personally met JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA. It is noted that [redacted] claimed to Chicago agents on 4/24/68, that he was a long time personal friend of HOFFA. [redacted] also stated that he and one [redacted]

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the opinion that information furnished by [] may be completely inaccurate and have no basis in fact. It is possible that [] may have furnished this information for the purpose of gaining entry to visit with GUIDO FIDANZI who is presently in Federal custody in Chicago. In view of the above possibilities it is felt by Chicago that dissemination of the information concerning [] may be premature and UACB Chicago will not submit LHM. It is felt that further investigation should be conducted to determine if the information furnished by [] is factual. As the Bureau is aware Chicago is instituting numerous substantive ITSP-FBW investigations on activities of individuals involved in the CATUARA hoodlum group.

Bureau was furnished an airtel entitled "ITSP-FBW Matters" Chicago Division dated 4/26/68. A copy of this was designated for Bufile 92-6931. The Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent developments under each of the specific cases in which substantive violations are alleged.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 4/30/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/2 - 4/19/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUARA, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY rms
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA dated 1/2/68, at Chicago.
 Chicago airtel to Tampa dated 2/7/68.
 Chicago airtel to Milwaukee dated 2/23/68.
 Chicago teletype to Miami dated 3/19/68.

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LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they develop.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate subject's activity in the organized criminal field.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: April 30, 1968

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Vacationed at Castaways Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, part of March, 1968. Subject in frequent contact with Chicago top hoodlum FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO. Activities of subject's associates set forth. Associate GUIDO FIDANZI sentenced to five years Federal Court for income tax evasion. On 4/16/68, after testimony of ten witnesses, FIDANZI's bond revoked and he is currently in custody of the Attorney General.

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DETAILS:

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[redacted] (NA), Oak Lawn, Illinois, Police Department, advised on April 7, 1968, that he has continued to make frequent spot checks of the subject's residence at 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn. Subject continues to drive a 1967 black Cadillac with 1968 Illinois license 557 000 registered to J. C. CATUARA, 9600 Kilbourn. [redacted]

[redacted]

Investigation has established that subject is in frequent contact with [redacted]. Sources have described him as a "con man" who has several arrests for worthless checks. [redacted]

[redacted]

Subject is also associated with [redacted] who has been described by sources as a "thug" who has numerous arrests for assault and battery. These sources describe [redacted] as a "muscleman" for the subject. [redacted] was previously associated with [redacted] in various "con game" type investments and businesses. [redacted]

[redacted]

Subject continues to be in nearly daily contact with business known as Swiss Investments, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This business was formerly operated by subject's close associate GUIDO FIDANZI. FIDANZI was convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment in Federal District Court, Chicago, on March 28, 1968, for income tax violations.

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On April 16, 1968, a hearing was held before United States District Judge WILLIAM J. LYNCH regarding whether FIDANZI's appeal bond should be withdrawn in view of reported threats to various victims of his "con game" operations. Ten witnesses were presented who testified to physical threats made by FIDANZI. Judge LYNCH revoked FIDANZI's bond, and he is presently in the custody of the Attorney General.

[redacted] advised on January 24, 1968, that [redacted]
former close associate of the subject. is [redacted]

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[redacted] GUIDO FIDANZI in various fraudulent mortgage landing companies and was previously associated with the Warranty Processing Company, 503 Winson, Rockford, Illinois. This company handles financing between various auto dealers and auto manufacturers. Source heard that approximately two years ago, while associated with the above company, he defrauded the Harvey, Illinois, Printing Company out of approximately \$15,000.

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[redacted] advised on January 16, 1968, that the subject is an associate of [redacted]

[redacted] the Valley View Farm on U.S. Highway 30, Frankfort, Illinois. He intends to change the name to Pleasure Acres. [redacted]

At the present time, there is no liquor served on the premises and he is reportedly [redacted]

[redacted] advised on January 23, 1968, that CATUARA continues to control vice and gambling activities in Southern Cook County, Illinois. Two of the individuals who operate obscene film distribution are [redacted]. They have 42 different films which they sell for \$5.00 or \$6.00 per roll. Another individual named [redacted] with the subject's approval, is prostituting several girls at an unknown location in Harvey, Illinois. [redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Police, has been advised of the above activity.

[redacted] advised on February 2, 1968, that CATUARA is in frequent contact with FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO, and that CATUARA has supplied various household items for ALDERISIO. On one occasion, CATUARA indicated to ALDERISIO that he is planning a trip to Florida in March, 1968, at which time ALDERISIO indicated that he intended to go to Florida and might meet him while there.

On March 19, 1968, [redacted] advised that CATUARA left Chicago on March 5, 1968, and was vacationing at the Castaways Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. He intends to remain at that location until the end of March. [redacted]

[redacted] flew to Miami where they intended to join the subject.

Previous investigation indicated that CATUARA and FIDANZI were associated with an individual named [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] He was interviewed regarding his knowledge or dealings with any individuals by the name of JAMES CATUARA, GUIDO FIDANZI or [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has had several dealings with the above mentioned company, and to the best of his knowledge, they were all legitimate, and appeared to be well established in the hotel-motel loan and development establishment. [redacted]

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[redacted] was also introduced to an individual by the name of GUIDO FIDANZI, who was allegedly a partner in the Intercontinental Investment Corporation. [redacted]

[redacted] FIDANZI,

On 4/11/68 at [redacted] File # MI 92-712by SA [redacted] /ps Date dictated 4/11/68

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[redacted] advised that in October, 1967, he was at this time very disgusted and aware of the fact that this loan did not appear to be forthcoming so he gathered all of his information and data, and spoke with one [redacted]

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no satisfaction and suggested that he furnish the FBI with this information and if they took no action to come back and may be they would discuss it. [redacted] upon thinking about this matter, stated that this would have been in August, 1967, and he advised if necessary, he would produce the exact date. Shortly following this, after getting no satisfaction, [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] and on at least one of these visits, spoke with one JAMES CATUARA in an attempt to have this money returned. CATUARA allegedly informed [redacted] that he would talk to FIDANZI about the returning of [redacted] money and allegedly made the statement to [redacted] that he wanted to use FIDANZI's office as a base for a legitimate insurance corporation and did not want FIDANZI to be "screwing this up."

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[redacted] advised that he has pertinent documents available to him regarding all transactions between he and FIDANZI which occurred during this period, and would make these available to authorities and would be willing to testify regarding this matter.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

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Place of birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Employment
Wife

Military service

Address



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
April 30, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title JAMES CATUARA

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as
above at Chicago, Illinois.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-1974) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
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(OO: CHICAGO)

DATE: 5/6/68

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and Miami, dated 3/19/68.

[redacted] Castaways Motel, Miami, Florida, advised SA [redacted] from records on April 19, 1968, of the following information:

A letter, dated February 9, 1968, written by

[redacted] Mortgage Expeditors Corporation, 1017 East 172nd Street, South Holland, Illinois, was received by the Castaways Motel regarding reservation for three rooms, one room for the dates March 8 through 29, 1968, and two rooms for the dates March 19 through 29, 1968. A \$150 advance deposit was enclosed with the letter. The letter requested the rooms be reserved under the names of [redacted] CARL CATUARA and [redacted]

Confirmation letter was sent to the Mortgage Expeditors Corporation on February 13, 1968, by the Castaways reserving three rooms for [redacted] CATUARA and [redacted]. The rate was set at \$36 per day per room.

Castaways registration card for [redacted] disclosed that [redacted] arrived at the Castaways Hotel on March 7, 1968, and departed on March 29, 1968. He was assigned to Room [redacted]

During the time [redacted] was at the Castaways Motel he made the following phone calls:

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A photograph of subject was exhibited to [redacted] as well as other key employees at the Castaways and they could not say for sure whether [redacted] was identical with the subject.

According to Castaways registration card [redacted]

[redacted] arrived at the Castaways Motel as a guest on March 15, 1968, and departed on March 29, 1968. During their stay at the Castaways

[redacted] stated that there was a notation in the records dealing with the stay of [redacted] [redacted] did not arrive at the Castaways as was originally requested.

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TO CHICAGO (92-1371)
FROM COLUMBIA (87-1319)(P) 3P

JAMES CATUARA; ET AL, ITSP - FBW.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPES APRIL TWENTYTHREE AND TWENTYFOUR LAST
AND DALLAS AIRTEL MAY ONE LAST.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED MAY SEVEN INSTANT
AFTER NUMEROUS EFFORTS SINCE APRIL TWENTYFOUR TO CONTACT. [REDACTED]
FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFORMATION AS ALREADY OBTAINED FROM
[REDACTED] AS TO EVENTS DURING PERIOD MARCH TWENTYFIVE
THROUGH PRESENT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BUT HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE
UNTIL MARCH TWENTYSEVEN WHEN [REDACTED]

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MORTGAGE AND INVESTMENT CORP., HAS NOW AGREED TO FURNISH STATEMENT TO FBI CONCERNING SET UP OF CORPORATION. [REDACTED] THAT PROCEEDS OF CORPORATION WERE TO BE SPLIT TWENTYFIVE PER CENT EACH FOR [REDACTED] CATUARA AND FIDANZI WITH REMAINING TWENTYFIVE PER CENT FOR OFFICE EXPENSES. [REDACTED] FEELS [REDACTED] TESTIMONY WILL TIE CATUARA WITH [REDACTED] FRAUD. [REDACTED] CALLED MYRTLE BEACH, S.C., RA THIS DATE, STATED HE WAS TO MEET [REDACTED] MYRTLE BEACH, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OR THURSDAY MORNING NEXT, AND WOULD CALL FOR APPOINTMENT FOR INTERVIEW. [REDACTED] WAS TO CALL [REDACTED] TODAY TO INFORM [REDACTED] WHEN HE WAS COMING TO MYRTLE BEACH.

[REDACTED] CONTEMPLATES PRESENTING CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD INDICTMENT TO GRAND JURY AT NEXT TERM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, CONWAY, S.C., JUNE THREE NEXT, BUT HOPES SUBJECTS CAN BE PROSECUTED FOR FEDERAL OFFENSE.
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COLUMBIA WILL ENDEAVOR TO HANDLE INTERVIEW OF AT MYRTLE
BEACH IF HE APPEARS.

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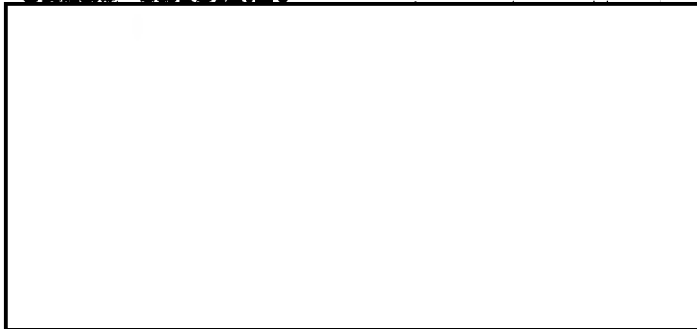
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TO : SAC, COLUMBIA (87-1319)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (87-31242) (P)
SUBJECT: GUIDO FIDANZI;
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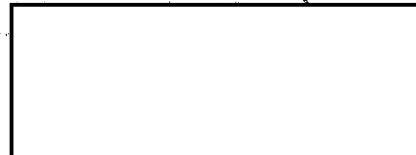
Reurtel to Chicago 5/7/68 entitled "JAMES CATUARA;
ET AL, ITSP - FBW".

Columbia is requested to expedite reporting of the
interview of solicitor [redacted] on 5/7/68.
Furnish 20 copies of this FD-302 to Chicago.

For the information of Columbia, this case, along
with other related cases, is being handled as a "special"
in this office.

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In future communications Columbia is requested to designate an extra copy to Chicago file 87-31230, which is a control file in these matters. The title of the control file is "SWINDLES PERPETRATED BY INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE CONTROL OF GUIDO FIDANZI; [REDACTED] AND ALEX GAUS, JR., ITSP - FBW".

In the event it is necessary to write a report in this matter, the Bureau desires two copies of all reports.

In view of the scope of this operation, this matter is to be henceforth handled as a special by all offices concerned. Leads should receive preferred and expeditious handling and Bureau and Chicago kept advised.

Leads

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AT MYRTLE BEACH, S. C. 1. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] and promptly report the results of this interview to Chicago.

2. Will ascertain reputation of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Date: 5/14/68

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (87-31242)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (87-1319) -P-

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JIMMY CATUARA, aka:

GUIDO FENDANZI: 1371-222 p6

ITSP - FRAUD BY WIRE
OO Chicago

Title changed to include _____
as subjects, to correct name of subject _____ and to add
middle initial of victim _____

Re Columbia teletype to Chicago 5/7/68.

4-Chicago (Enc. 16)

(2-87-31242)

(1-92-1371)

(1-92-1804)

2-Atlanta (Enc. 2)

4-Dallas (Enc. 2)

(2-87-)

(1-87-15735)

(1-87-16583)

2-Los Angeles (Enc. 2)

1-Omaha (Enc. 1)

3-Columbia

(1-92-4)

WDG:jmc

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

92-1371-270

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CO 87-1319

Enclosed for Chicago are 16 copies of FD-302 recording interview of Attorney [redacted] for Atlanta, Dallas, and Los Angeles 2 copies, and for Omaha 1 copy.

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For information of Chicago and Atlanta, as of evening 5/8/68, no indication exists [redacted] have arrived Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Columbia file 92-126 captioned, "JAMES CATUARA, aka, AR., OO Chicago" consolidated into Columbia file 87-1319.

Investigation continuing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R☐

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

4/18, 4/26, 5/1 and 5/2/68.

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FELIX ALDEBISIO

92-415

92-1835

LCA

92-1173

166-1192

92-1184

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☐ POSITIVE☐ STATISTICb2
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b7D☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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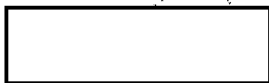
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JAMES CATIARA



87-26297
87-8469
92-1514

92-2187
92-1371
92-1373
92-925



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1 - 92-1173
1 - 166-1192
1 - 92-1184
1 - 87-26297
1 - 87-8469
1 - 92-1514
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 92-2187
1 - 92-1371
1 - 92-1373
1 - 92-925

JWR:bab
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CG [REDACTED]

92-1371

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This informant advised on April 26, 1968, that JAMES CATUARA was in the Gaylur offices on April 25, 1968, and was complaining bitterly about an individual who had recently appeared before a federal grand jury in Chicago. CATUARA was afraid that he would be indicted as a result of this appearance. The informant did not know the name of the individual to whom CATUARA referred nor was he aware of what this case pertained to. [REDACTED] CATUARA make mention of the fact that [REDACTED] was running a business located at [REDACTED] and that CATURAR has money invested in this business.

Memorandum

DATE: 5/21/68

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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1-92-1339

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1-92-1371
1-92-2029
1-92-1294

1-92-2266

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		
4/25, 5/3 and 5/27/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JAMES CATUARA, aka. AR	92-1371	SA [REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	Informant advised that the SWISS INVESTMENT CO. is	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	closed. Subject is unable to operate because his	
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	associate GUIDO FIDANZI is in jail on a federal charge.	
	Subject tried to find others to replace FIDANZI but	
	was unsuccessful. He has moved his office to Calumet City, Ill.	
	near 158th & Burnham and is now involving himself with some type	
	of gambling operation in the Chicago area.	
	Informant advised he will attempt to obtain more specific	
	information regarding the subjects gambling activity.	
C-1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has	Rating	Coverage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> furnished all information obtained	Good	Same
by him since last contact.		
<div style="text-align: right;"> 92-1371-273 [Signature] [Stamp] [Stamp] </div>		

cc : 92-1371

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO**

DATE: **5/29/68**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact 4/22, 5/6, 5/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted JAMES CATUARA aka 92-1371 " " 166-1216		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC CI advised on 4/22/68 that Catuara is handling Parly race tickets for daily double races from Mon thru Sat. They sell for \$2 each and pay \$20 for weekday winners and \$50 for Sat winner. The seller receives 25¢ each for those he sells. A man known to him as [REDACTED] is one of the biggest distributors for Catuara. On 5/24/68 CI advised that the price of these tickets went up and anyone wishing to purchase them for sale must pay for tickets in advance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Same

92-1371-274
[REDACTED] **wf**

1- [REDACTED]
1- **92-1371**
1- **166-1216**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 92-1371

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

Subject made the following toll calls from the Castaways
Motel, Miami, Fla.

LEADS:

AT CHICAGO: Will identify subscriber to above numbers
that are in the Chicago area.

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Assigned to [redacted]

92-1371-275
[Signature]



SAC, CHICAGO (87-31242)

June 10, 1968

SAC, ATLANTA (87-14815) (P)

[REDACTED]

JIMMY CATUARA. aka:

[REDACTED]

GUIDO FIDANZI;

[REDACTED]

ITSP-FRAUD BY WIRE
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Columbia airtel to Chicago 5/14/68 and Dallas
airtel to Chicago 5/1/68.

On 5/28/68, SA [REDACTED] visited the construction
site of the White House Inn, situated on Georgia Highway 85
West on the outskirts of Warm Springs, Georgia, and noted all
construction activity had ceased. [REDACTED] was alleged
[REDACTED] construction on the
White House Inn.

On 5/28/68, [REDACTED] White
House Inn, Inc., Warm Springs, advised [REDACTED] aban-
doned the construction job at the White House Inn about one
month previously and he has nothing to do with the White
House Inn at this time. He gave the following information
concerning the departure of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4-Chicago
(2-87-31242)
(1-92-1371)
(1-92-1804)
2-Columbia (87-1319)
2-Atlanta (87-14815)
YFH/146

[REDACTED]

Info

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Much of the work will have to be torn down and reconstructed to pass construction inspection standards.

[redacted] furnished the following addresses which he has concerning the possible location of [redacted]

[redacted]

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COLUMBIA

AT MYRTLE BEACH, S. C.

[redacted] Will attempt to locate [redacted] along lines set forth in referenced communications.

ATLANTA

AT [redacted] GEORGIA

[redacted] Will attempt to contact [redacted] and interview as requested in referenced communications.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (87-31264)

DATE: 6-14-68

FROM : SA THOMAS W. PARRISH

SUBJECT: GUIDO FIDANZI;

[REDACTED] Victim
ITSP - FBW

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Efforts to locate victim at [REDACTED]
negative. P.D. and P.O. checks disclose victim [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Golden Horseshoe, 11th &
Halsted, Cg. Hgts. contacted on 6/12/68. He furnished the
following information:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He under-
stood that it was actually owned by RALPH EMERY. He checked ~~✓~~
with FRANK LA PORTE and determined that his group would not
object to his operation of the club provided he buy his
cigarettes and music from the "right people". FIDANZI had been
a customer of his and always paid his bar bills. [REDACTED] advised
that on one occasion he became hard up for money and Guido

[REDACTED] He was to
get a loan of \$10,000. but it never came about as his financial
picture improved. Later GUIDO attempted to sell him "protection"
and he refused. Several times his windows were broken and he
called the local Cg. Hgts. Police and told them that GUIDO
was the one that was having the windows broken. Shortly after
the call GUIDO and [REDACTED] (Enu) came to the club and physicaly



beat him and threatened his wife. GUIDO continued to come into the Club and has not paid his bills. On other occasions GUIDO and his unknown friends would come into the club and pull the main fuses and insult the customers. [] advised that he was afraid to call the police as it was apparent the police were under the control of GUIDO. He contacted some people that he thought were connected with LA PORTE and sent word that GUIDO was ruining his business. He received word from the cigarette man that GUIDO had been told to stop harassing []. Later GUIDO came into the Club and stated that he understood [] had gone to LA PORTE but that it would do him no good because he, GUIDO was with JIMMY CATUARA who will let him do what he wants. Soon after that GUIDO was put in jail and he had no more trouble except that two or three individuals came to [] and stated he did a bad thing when he appeared in federal court and testified that GUIDO had hit him.

[] furnished no information of a federal violation and in view of this it is suggested that the case be closed under the authority of the SAC. [] will be recontacted under the 92 program.

~~CLOSE~~

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/24/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact 5/22-6/20/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JAMES CATUARA, aka. AR	92-1371	SA [REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Informant advised he observed Jimmy CATUARA at the Red Wheel Restruant, Chicago Heights on 6/14/68. He was alone and trying to sell diamond rings to several of the waitress. He was driving a 1967 black cadillac with Illinois license 559-000. Informant advised that CATUARA has completely closed the R & B Collection Agency and his main operation is now the selling of "Horse tickets" to various unknown taverns in the area. Informant heard he has moved his operation to an unknown location in Calumet City.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating very good	Coverage same

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SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

6/27/68

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)

JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

Subject continues to assume more power in organized crime in Southern Cook County, Illinois area. He is alleged to be a partner in the Panzinni Pizza Company in Gary or Hammond, Indiana.

Indianapolis is requested to check appropriate retail credit agencies in Gary and Hammond and furnish background on Panzinni Pizza.

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① - Chicago
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO 92-1371)

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-712) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARÁ, aka
AR

Re Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated 4/19/68.

Since all investigation in this matter is being handled in case captioned, "GUIDO FIDANZI; [REDACTED] VICTIM, dba, Evergreen Plaza Corporation, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, ITSP - FBW, OO: Chicago, MI file 87-8989, CG file 87-31347, this case is considered RUC.

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1 - Milwaukee
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: JUN 27 1968

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

5/23, 24, 29/68; 6/6, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FELIX ALDERISIO

92-415 [REDACTED]

179-New [REDACTED]

Juice Rackets

92-1278 [REDACTED]

92-1358 [REDACTED]

LCN

92-1173 [REDACTED]

92- (Closed)

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

CIP

87-8469 [REDACTED]

92-466 [REDACTED]

92-1514 [REDACTED]

87-26297 [REDACTED]

SAM BATTAGLIA

92-914 [REDACTED]

92-735 [REDACTED]

ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO

92-344 [REDACTED]

JAMES CATUARA

92-1371 ✓ [REDACTED]

92-1835 [REDACTED]

92-2557 [REDACTED]

ET AL;

VICTIM. AR;

HOBBS ACT; ITSP

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Same	Coverage Same
[REDACTED]		92-1371-2181 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

CG

Titles and File #s on which contacted (Continued)

GUS ALEX

92-373

92-1478

92-1360

15-30543

TONY SPILOTRO

92-2563

ALLEN DORFMAN

92-1059

92-

166-1243

92-1322

92-1192

For positive information furnished by this informant, please see attached pages.

CG [REDACTED]
CG 92-415
CG 92-1371

This informant advised on 5/24/68, that JAMES CATUARA had recently visited with PHIL ALDERISIO and during the conversation, had indicated that he was afraid of impending trouble because somebody (not identified) was talking to the Government. During the conversation, the name of [REDACTED] came up at which time it was indicated that [REDACTED] was going broke in his business venture. The informant knows that [REDACTED] is paying juice payments to ALDERISIO on a \$15,000 loan. CATUARA again complained that he was afraid he would be in trouble, and ALDERISIO merely commented that it was his own fault, not explaining further.

CG [redacted] CG 92-1360
CG 92-415 CG 92-1514
CG 92-1371 CG 92-2563
CG 92-1478 CG 15-30543

This informant advised on 6/6/68, that on 6/5/68, [redacted] and TONY SPILOTRO were in contact with PHIL ALDERISIO. On that date, [redacted] was also in contact with ALDERISIO and it was stated that [redacted] was scheduled for incarceration on or about 6/10/68. In addition, [redacted] JAMES CATUARA and [redacted] were in conference with ALDERISIO during the course of the day.

Another individual who met with ALDERISIO on 6/5/68, was known to the informant only as [redacted] who was believed by the informant to be involved with the theft of cameras or in handling cameras which were stolen from the Griswold-Bateman warehouse. The informant was not certain whether this person was one of the actual thieves who perpetrated the crime or was simply handling cameras which had come into his possession from this loss.

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CG 92-1371

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This informant advised on 6/20/68, that JAMES CATUARA had been in contact with PHIL ALDERISIO on three occasions within the past week complaining on each occasion over the fact that he thought he was in trouble because of a stool pigeon.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: JUL 8 1968

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact 7/1/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
FELIX ALDERISIO	92-415
GUS ALEX	92-373
[REDACTED]	92-1478
L.C.N.	92-1173
[REDACTED]	92-745
JAMES CATUARA	92-1371
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	EXTORTIONATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS 179-0 [REDACTED] ET AL 92-2557 [REDACTED] VICTIM, AR; HOBBS ACT; ITSP SAM BATTAGLIA [REDACTED] 92-914 92-1835 166-1243 15-32196 BLACK AND DECKER POWER TOOLS THEFT OF 105 CARTONS, 5/31/68, TFIS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent
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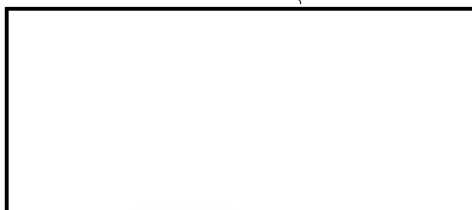
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This informant advised on July 1, 1968, that JAMES CATUARA was on that date in touch with PHIL ALDERISIO at the office of Gaylur Mercantile. CATUARA had been a steady visitor and in frequent contact with ALDERISIO. The informant assumes most of this is in connection with CATUARA's saying that he is in trouble.

SAC, CHICAGO (87-31242)

7/18/68

SAC, ATLANTA (87-14815)(RUC)



FRAUD BY WIRE
OO: CHICAGO

Remylet, 6/10/68.

Investigation at [redacted] disclosed
that [redacted] A
neighborhood inquiry in the vicinity of this address
disclosed that [redacted]

On 7/6/68, an anonymous caller advised SA
[redacted] is now residing
at [redacted] and that
one [redacted] would
be able to verify [redacted] association with spurious money
orders in the past.

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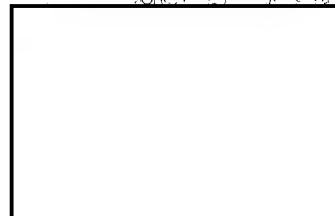
LEADS:

COLUMBIA

AT MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

(1) Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted]
[redacted] along the
lines as set out in Columbia airtel to Chicago 5/14/68
and Dallas airtel to Chicago, 5/1/68.

④ Chicago
 (2 - 87-31242)
 (1 - 92-1371)
 (1 - 92-1804)
2 - Columbia (87-1319)
1 - Atlanta
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AT 87-14815

(2) Will contact [redacted]
with respect to [redacted] and obtain any
information re [redacted] association with spurious
money orders in the past and information concerning
the character of [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC *Chicago*

DATE: *7/11/68*

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact

6/20 ; 7/10/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*UNION; THEFT OF 14 CARTONS CLOTHING FROM COURIER
NEWSON EXPRESS Co. CHIC, ILL. 7/6/68. TRIS C. 15-32395-5A
JAMES CATUNDA, AR. 92-1371, SA THS.
FRANK CARUSO, AR. 92-1438, SA*

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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*1 cc 15-32395
1 cc 92-1371
1 cc 92-1438*

INFORMANT ADVISED ON 7.10/68
THAT JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA
AND [REDACTED] ARE
OPERATING A "JUICE" BUSINESS IN THE
BRIDGEPORT AREA OF CHICAGO WHICH
HAS BECOME A PROFITABLE VENTURE.

[REDACTED] IS
ASSOCIATED WITH THEM AND WILL
FURNISH WHATEVER "MUSCLE" IS
NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THE LOAN
PAYMENTS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [REDACTED]

DATE: **7/15/68**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☐

Dates of Contact

7/2, 3, 8/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FELIX ALDERISIO

92-415 [REDACTED]

92-917

JAMES CATURA

92-1371 [REDACTED]

MISC. MERCHANDISE CONTROL FILE

87-7985

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ **NEGATIVE**
☒ **POSITIVE**
☐ **STATISTIC**

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Top Hoodlum

JWR:mr
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92-917
92-1371

This informant advised on July 8, 1968, that both [] and JAMES CATURA were in contact with ALDERISIO at approximately 2 p.m. on that date. The nature of the contact was unknown but CATURA again commented to the informant before seeing ALDERISIO that he was afraid he had big trouble.

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7/20/68

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...ASAC
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...S-1
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...S-3
...S-4
...S-5

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (87-31242)
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (87-1319) (P)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ET AL
ITSP - FBW
OO: Chicago

Re Columbia airtel to Chicago dated 6/3/68.

Numerous efforts made to contact victim [REDACTED] at Myrtle Beach, S. C. On 6/1/68, information developed that he was moving in, that date, at [REDACTED] Myrtle Beach, S. C., but efforts to contact [REDACTED] at this address disclosed house being renovated and [REDACTED] not located at the house.

On 7/18/68, [REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] at the Hawaiian Village Motel and Restaurant, Myrtle Beach, S. C. [REDACTED] advised that he was too busy to appear this date for interview but that he would call the Myrtle Beach, S. C., Resident Agency on Wednesday or Thursday, July 17 or 18, 1968, for an appointment for interview, which [REDACTED] failed to do.

Investigation will continue to conduct interview of [REDACTED] at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

- ④ - Chicago
 (2 - 87-31242)
 (1 - 92-1371)
 (1 - 92-1804)
1 - Atlanta (87-14815) (Info)
1 - Savannah (Info)
2 - Columbia

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FBI CHICAGO

634PM URGENT 7-12-68 RNF

TO DIRECTOR /29-34666/ /92-6931/ INDIANAPOLIS LOS ANGELES MIAMI /29-1342
FROM CHICAGO /29-2140/ /92-1371/

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA,

AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO (NCIC).

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY ELEVEN, LAST.

ON THIS DATE FEDERAL GRAND JURY, CHICAGO RETURNED INDICTMENTS ON

[REDACTED] CHARGING CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE
FEDERAL RESERVE ACT, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC, SECTION THREE SEVEN ONE AND
BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED SAME DATE FOR THEIR ARREST. INDICTMENTS RESULT
OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY TESTIMONY [REDACTED] IN-
STANT CASE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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INDIANAPOLIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND
APPREHEND KORICH.

LOSANGELES AND MIAMI CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE AND APPREHEND

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CHICAGO WILL LOCATE AND APPREHEND [REDACTED]

FUGITIVE FROM LETTERS SUBMITTED. SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS [REDACTED] AS BUREAU AWARE,

ARE CLOSE ASSOCIATES [REDACTED] OF JAMES "JIMMY THE BOMBER"

CATUARA, LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOUTHERN
SUBURBS OF CHICAGO, AND DAUBER REPORTEDLY HAS PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

Chicago

DATE:

7/12/68

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

6/19, 7/10/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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"JAMES CATUNARA, AR" 92-1371 SA

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
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SEE ATTACHED

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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INFORMANT ADVISED ON 7/10/68
THAT AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE
BY [REDACTED]

TO COLLECT \$4,000 FROM JAMES

"THE BOMBER" CATUARA AND

[REDACTED] FOR FIDANZI'S
APPEAL COST. [REDACTED]

EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE UPON BEING
REFUSED BY BOTH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED
INDIVIDUALS. CATUARA IS CONCERNED

OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF FIDANZI

BECOMING A GOVERNMENT WITNESS

AND FURNISH TESTIMONY AGAINST

HM AND OTHERS SUCH AS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CATUARA NOTED THAT
FIDANZI HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED
TO A FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
IN TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS WHERE NO
HARDENED CRIMINALS ARE HOUSED AND
IS NOW IN SANDSTONE MINE
AWAITING A TRANSFER TO
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA. CATUARA

SURMISED THAT FIDANZI IS PROBABLY
"TALKING" TO THE "GOVERNMENT."

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Date: 7/13/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-34606) (92-6931) AND
SAC'S INDIANAPOLIS
LOS ANGELES
MIAMI (29-1349)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (29-2140) (92-1371)

FRA - CONSPIRACY. JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TEL JULY TWELVE LAST.

[REDACTED] ARRESTED THIS
AM CHICAGO BY CHICAGO AGENTS. [REDACTED] TO APPEAR
BEFORE USC THIS AM. BOND OF FORTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS SET
BY FGJ.

[REDACTED] DENIED GUILT IN INSTANT CASE BUT
REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

SITUATION RECEIVING WIDESPREAD COVERAGE CHICAGO NEWS
MEDIA DUE TO NOTORIETY OF [REDACTED] AND DUE TO FACT
THEY ARE CLOSE ASSOCIATES [REDACTED] OF JAMES "JIMMY THE
BOMBER" CATUARA, THE TOP LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN
THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF CHICAGO.

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TITLE OF CASE CHANGED [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY iec
[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA; [REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP-FBW	

AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS - VICTIM

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

Title is changed to include [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as subjects, to correct name of subject [REDACTED] and to add the middle initial of [REDACTED]

REFERENCES: Dallas airtel to Chicago dated 5/1/68 (IO)
Columbia airtel to Chicago dated 5/14/68 (IO)
Chicago airtel to Columbia dated 5/9/68 (IO)
Columbia airtel to Chicago dated 6/3/68 (IO)
Chicago airtel to Dallas dated 6/20/68 (IO)

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LEADS

ATLANTA

AT CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA. Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted] as set forth in your letter to Chicago dated 6/10/68.

COLUMBIA

AT MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. Will attempt to locate [redacted] along lines set forth in referenced communications.

DALLAS

AT DENTON, TEXAS. Will establish contact with [redacted] regarding his knowledge of those transactions, insuring that any information regarding deposits made in escrow account be reported immediately.

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS. Will maintain contact with [redacted] regarding instant matter.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Chicago will maintain contact with AUSA RICHARD G. SCHULTZ in this matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report reflects dates of investigation conducted by other offices.

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Los Angeles and Omaha inasmuch as future investigation may be requested.

For the information of all offices receiving copies of this report, recent developments in connection with this case and related cases point out the desirability of having a main control file. In Chicago, Chicago file 87-31230 has been designated as a control file and you are requested to designate a copy of any communication which may have a bearing on the above captioned matter to this control file, as well as the case file. A copy should be directed to the control file even in those cases in which it may not appear that Chicago has any direct interest. It is not known at this time how many such instances will be found

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in other divisions; however, in view of the apparent scope and complexity of this operation, it is apparent that one office should coordinate and direct the investigations so that every office involved will have the benefit of the information developed by other offices. The Chicago Office is, therefore, assuming origin in this matter until such time as it may be determined that another office has developed substantive federal violations and/or obtain processes against any of the subject involved in this operation.

The Chicago control file (87-31230) is titled "Swindles Perpetrated By Individuals Under the Control of GUIDO FIDANZI; [REDACTED] ITSP - FBW".

Group A, GUIDO FIDANZI is being placed in Bureau File 87-95922.

Group B, [REDACTED] is being placed in Bureau File 87-100011.

Group C, ALEX GAUS, Jr., is being placed in Bureau File 87-100196.

In the event it is necessary to write a report in this matter, the Bureau desires two copies of all reports.

In view of the scope of this operation, this matter is to be henceforth handled as a "special" by all offices concerned. Leads should receive preferred and expeditious handling and Bureau and Chicago kept advised.

INFORMANTS

For the information of all offices the Los Angeles Division advised on 6/26/68 that subject [REDACTED] for a period of time, was carried as a PCI of the Los Angeles office, but was closed on 11/22/66 due to fact information furnished by him was scanty and unproductive.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, CHICAGO ATTENTION: AUSA RICHARD G. SCHULTZ

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

Chicago

Date:

JUL 17 1968

Field Office File #:

87-31242

Bureau File #:

87-95922

Title:

JAMES CATUARA;

Character:

Synopsis:

AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS - VICTIM

[REDACTED] VICTIM

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - FRAUD BY WIRE

While operating under several and various company names, the subjects hold themselves out to be engaged in the business of mortgage bankers for securing and making loans to prospective borrowers. The focal point of these transactions centered around the GUIDO FIDANZI group. The method of operation has been to collect advance fees for obtaining mortgage loan commitments. The firms have issued both interim (short term) construction loan commitments, as well as permanent (long term) first mortgage loan commitments. The commitment was supposed to be of value to the victim in that it was to enable the victim to obtain interim (short term) financing from a legitimate financial institution because the commitment purported to assure the financial institution that subjects would furnish a permanent loan at the end of the interim period. The subjects failed to perform in furnishing such loan and/or funding the mortgage money. The victims also learned that usually their advance fee payments were lost even though they had oral and written agreements that the fees were refundable. Interviews with subjects [REDACTED] set out. Interviews with victim [REDACTED] set out.

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DETAILS:

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1Date 5/1/68

[redacted]
[redacted] Fort Worth, Texas, was
exhibited several photographs.

[redacted] identified the photographs of [redacted]
[redacted] as individuals personally
known to him.

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On 4/30/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 87-31230

by SA [redacted] cms Date dictated 4/30/68

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/23/68

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

6/24/68 & 7/23/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, AR

92-1371 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

Informant advised that [REDACTED] has been in contact with JAMES CATUARA and requested money from him since FIDANZI was working for him. CATUARA turned her down and is now very worried that FIDANZI may talk to the government and get him indicted. On 7/23/68 informant advised that he has no additional information on [REDACTED] attitude toward CATUARA but he is very doubtful that she would talk to the FBI because of her fear of the outfit.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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U. S. CHARGES FOUR IN JUICE LOAN SCHEME

Alleges Plot to Defraud Bank

A federal grand jury indicted four men yesterday in an alleged mob scheme to get money from a Chicago bank to make high-interest juice loans. The jury charged the four with conspiring to defraud the bank.

Named in the indictments were Peter James Gushi, 41, of 10400 S. Laramie av., Oak Lawn, a convicted hijacker; Augustus [Gus] Rubino, 39, formerly of Homewood, a mob muscle man who has been arrested for interstate auto theft; William Earl Dauber, 33, of 12735 Hoyne av., Posen, a muscle man for gambling bosses in southwest Cook county; and Michael Korgich, 38, of Highland, Ind.

Warrants for the four were issued by Judge Richard Austin in federal District court. Bond was set at \$4,500.

Loan Scheme Told

They were charged with conspiring to defraud the National Bank of Hyde Park, 1525 E. 53d st., of \$9,200 by falsely obtaining loans for home improvements.

According to the indictment, a dummy corporation, known as Century Home Improvement, Inc., was set up in 1961 to obtain the loans.

The indictment charges that thru collusion with a former assistant vice president of the bank, Estley Dean Maglott, subsequent embezzlements were made to conceal the purposes of the loans and the fact that no payments on these loans were being made.

Serves Year in Prison

Maglott, who served a year in prison in 1965 for misappro-

priating \$123,388 of his bank's funds, was named as a co-conspirator in the indictment but not as a defendant.

According to the indictment, two loans were obtained at the bank by the defendants on Oct. 16, 1961, to improve property in Griffith and Hammond, Ind. The indictment alleges that the loans "were not to be used for the stated purpose but to establish a fund of money which would be loaned to borrowers at interest rates in excess of the maximum rates permitted by law."

The indictment also alleges that Maglott kept bank records showing the false and fraudulent entries and then destroyed them Aug. 1, 1963.

Maglott was earning \$11,000 a year at the bank in 1961 when the alleged conspiracy took place, authorities said. The government contends that the conspiracy to defraud the bank was conducted over a period of 1½ years.

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4 Charged In Hyde Park Bank Fraud

Four men were charged Friday with a crime syndicate plot to defraud the National Bank of Hyde Park on a false loan they made to set up a juice loan racket.

The four include a convicted hijacker, two syndicate hoodlums and a Highland (Ind.) man alleged to be the president of a dummy corporation set up to mask the purpose of the loan.

Named in the federal grand jury indictment were Peter J.

Gushi, 41, of 10400 S. Laramie, Oak Lawn; Augustus C. Rubino, 39, of 18516 Dixie, Homewood; Michael Korgich, 33, of 8940 Oday, Highland, and William E. Dauber, 33, of 12735 Hoyne, Posen.

Gushi was convicted on hijacking charges in October, 1962. Dauber and Rubino are henchmen of mobster James (Jimmy the Bomber) Catuara. Korgich was president of Century Home Construction Co.

According to the indictment, the conspiracy to defraud the bank at 1525 E. 53d, began Oct. 16, 1961, when the four, with the aid of former bank vice president Eastley Dean Maglott, obtained a \$9,200 loan for Century Home Construction.

The loan application said the money was to be used to improve property in Griffith and Hammond, Ind. It was actually used to establish a fund for lending money at usurious interest rates the indictment said.

Maglott was named as an unindicted co-conspirator who helped the four conceal the real purpose of the loan and

the fact that no payments on the loan were being made.

The conspiracy was alleged to have extended over a period of 18 months.

Maglott was sentenced to one year in prison Sept. 16, 1965, when he pleaded guilty to charges of misapplying bank funds.

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

7-13-68

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Edition: FOUR STAR FINAL

Author:

Editor: EMMETT DEMON

Title:

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MICHAEL KORGICH-
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2 surrender on fraud charge

Two of ~~four~~ men who were indicted by a federal grand jury Friday on charges of conspiracy to defraud the former National Bank of Hyde Park, thru loans, surrendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday. They are William Earl Dauber, 33, of 12735 Hoyne av., Posen, and Peter J. Gusti, 41, of 10400 S. Laramie av., Oak Lawn. The indictment charges Dauber, Gusti, Augustus C. Rubino, 39, formerly of Homewood, and Michael Korgich, 38, formerly of Highland, Ind., set up a "dummy" corporation which they used to obtain \$9,200 from the bank thru "collusion" with a former bank employe, E. D. Maglott. Maglott was named as a co-conspirator, but was not indicted.

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2 SURRENDER TO U. S. IN BANK FRAUD CHARGE

Two men charged with conspiring to defraud the National Bank of Hyde Park, 1525 E. 53d st., surrendered to federal agents yesterday.

Peter James Gushi, 41, of 10400 Laramie av., Oak Lawn, and William Earl Dauber, 33, of 12735 Hoyne av., were indicted Friday by a federal grand jury. They are charged with defrauding the bank of \$9,200 by falsely obtaining loans for home improvements. The government contends the money was used to make high interest juice loans.

Two other named in the indictment, Augustus [Gus] Rubino, 39, formerly of Homewood, and Michael Korgich, 33, of Highland, Ind., are being sought.

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TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: AUG 6 1968

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

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FELIX ALDERISIO

92-415

TONY SPILOTRO

92-2563

GUS ALEX

92-373

[REDACTED]

92-745

JAMES CATUARA

92-1371

[REDACTED]

92-1478

Purpose and results of contact

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☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

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92-1173

[REDACTED]

166-1243

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Jewelry Control File

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SAM BATTAGLIA

92-914

[REDACTED]

92-2022

ECT Control File

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[REDACTED]

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Rancho La Costa, Inc.

92-2647

[REDACTED]

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This informant advised on 7/17/68, that [REDACTED]
and JAMES CATUARA were in conference with PHIL ALDERISIO. This
conference lasted an extended length of time. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had no information as to
its purpose or the subject matter discussed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-1371)
Attention: SA [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/13/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

Re memo 6/14/68.

[REDACTED] service provided the
names of the subscribers to the following telephone numbers:

225-1875: UMBRIAGO CLEANERS AND DYERS
255 W. 31st Street
Chicago, Ill.

326-9357: QUAUTROCKI GROCERY STORE
2745 S. Princeton
Chicago, Ill.

[REDACTED] on 8/13/68, provided
the names of the subscribers to the following unlisted
numbers:

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[REDACTED]
424-7411: JAMES CATUARA, 9600 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn, Ill.

[REDACTED] Griffith Indiana,
provided the name of the subscriber to the following:

[REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED] checked Illinois Bell, Chicago, Ill.
for an exchange with the numerical prefix "565" and could
establish none in the Chicago area.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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TO : SAC

[Redacted]

DATE: 8/23/68

FROM : SA

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Dates of Contact

7/18 & 8/16/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA aka Ar

92-1371

SA

[Redacted]

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Informant advised that a customer of his advised that [Redacted] is again operating a gambling establishment at the location formally known as the Eagles and owned by James CATUARA and other hoodlums.

[Redacted] Cook County Sheriffs Police, was advised of the above information and stated that he would place an undercover Officer in the location in order to conduct a raid. He will advise the results of his investigation.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA 4/30/68, at Chicago.
Report of SA 7/17/68, at Chicago,
entitled, "GUIDO FIDENZI; ET AL, ITSP - FBW."

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LEADS

Leads at other field divisions are being set forth as they develop. Chicago will continue to investigate subject's activity in organized crime field.

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Referenced ITSP - FBW report sets forth in details

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numerous instances of the subject's activity in the mortgage fraud field. In the interest of brevity and to avoid duplication of this information, these details are not being set forth in this report.

INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Date: August 29, 1968

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 9600 South
Kilbourn, Oak Lawn, Illinois. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subject's office has been closed
in Chicago Heights, Illinois, since his
close associate GUIDO FIDENZI was convicted
and imprisoned in Chicago Federal Court.
Subject now handling race tickets on daily
double horse races in Illinois and Indiana.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] (NA), Oak Lawn Police Department, advised on July 12 and August 6, 1968, that he has continued to make frequent spot checks of the subject's residence at 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn. The only car frequently observed at this address is the subject's 1967 black Cadillac. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

Physical observation disclosed that the R and B Collection Agency, Swiss Mortgage Corporation, and Manhattan Management, all located at 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, are inoperative, and all furniture and fixtures have been removed.

It is noted that the subject previously could be observed on a daily basis at this office. The subject's associate, GUIDO FIDENZI, was convicted and appeal bond forfeited. FIDENZI is presently in the Federal Penitentiary.

[redacted] Castaways Motel, Miami, Florida, advised that a letter dated February 9, 1968, written by [redacted]

[redacted] the Mortgage Expeditors Corporation, 1017 East 162nd Street, South Holland, Illinois, was received regarding a reservation for three rooms March 8 through 29, 1968. A \$150 advance deposit was enclosed with the letter. The rooms to be reserved were under the name [redacted] CARL CATUARA, and [redacted] and rate was set at \$136 per day per room. A photograph of the subject was exhibited to [redacted] as well as other key employees, but they could not say definitely whether [redacted] was identical with the subject.

[redacted] and others were arrested by FBI Agents, Chicago, on July 13, 1968. Both are currently free on \$4,500 bond set by the Federal Grand Jury, Chicago. They were charged with a conspiracy violation of the Federal Reserve Bank. Previous investigation disclosed that both [redacted] are associates of the subject and are considered to be in forces for his group.

[redacted] advised that the subject was observed at the R and B Offices on April 25, 1968, and was complaining bitterly about an individual who had recently appeared before a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago. CATUARA was afraid that he would be indicted as a result of the appearance. The source did not know the name of the individual to whom CATUARA referred, nor was he aware of what the case pertained to.

The informant stated that he overheard CATUARA make mention of the fact that [redacted] was running a business located at [redacted] and that CATUARA had money invested in this business.

[redacted] advised that the subject now has a new gambling operation in Lake County, Indiana, and southern Cook County, Illinois. He advised that these are daily double tickets, which are sold for \$1 a piece for various horse races throughout the country. Source alleged that he obtained the tickets from [redacted] of Chicago and that in talking with [redacted] he was told that the tickets come from somewhere in Chicago Heights. [redacted] claimed that he has a contact selling tickets in the Ferrero Candy Plant and that the previous week he had made over \$700 as his share of this enterprise.

[redacted] advised that Swiss Investment Company is closed and that the subject is unable to continue operation of his mortgage funding fraud business because his associate, GUIDO FIDENZI, is in jail. Subject attempted to find others to replace FIDENZI but has been unsuccessful. Source is of the opinion that CATUARA is moving his office to Calumet City, Illinois, somewhere near 158th and Burnham Avenue, and is now involving himself in some type of daily double horse racing ticket operation in Chicago and Lake County, Indiana.

Informant learned that these daily double tickets are sold for \$2 each and paid \$20 for weekday winners and \$50 for Saturday winners. The seller of the tickets receives 25 cents each for the tickets he sells. Informant advised that a man known to him as [redacted] is one of the biggest distributors for the subject.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JAMES CATUARA to determine if he could operate the club without interference from the Chicago Heights "outfit". He was told that there would be no objection, provided he purchased his cigarettes, music, and so forth from the "right people."

Shortly after he opened this club, GUIDO FIDENZI was a frequent customer and always paid his bar bills, and on one occasion when he was in need of cash, FIDENZI told him he was associated with the subject and that he could get him a \$10,000 loan. [REDACTED] advised that before he attempted to obtain the loan, his financial picture improved, and he dropped the matter. Later, FIDENZI attempted to sell him "protection" and he refused the offer.

Shortly thereafter, his front plate windows were broken, and he called the local Chicago Heights Police to complain about the broken windows. Within a very short period of time, FIDENZI and [REDACTED] (LNU) came to the club and physically beat him and threatened his wife, stating that he should know better than to call the police.

GUIDO FIDENZI continued to frequent the club but from that point on, made no payments of his bills. On other occasions, FIDENZI and his other unknown friends would come into the club, pull the main electrical fuses, and insult the customers. [REDACTED] advised that he was afraid to call the police as it was apparent to him that the police were under the control of FIDENZI.

He contacted some people, whose names he did not reveal, whom he thought were connected with LA PORTEL and CATUARA, telling them that FIDENZI was ruining his business. Shortly thereafter, the cigarette man (cooperative music) told him that GUIDO FIDENZI had been told to stop harassing [REDACTED]. Thereafter, FIDENZI came into the club and stated

he understood that [] had come to LA PORTE but that it would do him no good because he, FIDENZI, was with JIMMY CATUARA, who let him do as he pleased. GUIDO FIDENZI caused no more trouble, and shortly after that incident, he was put in jail by the Federal Government.

Since that time, [] stated he has had no more trouble, except that two or three individuals, whose names he would not reveal, came to [] and stated that he did a very bad thing when he [] appeared in Federal District Court and testified that FIDENZI had administered a physical beating to him.

[] advised on June 20, 1968, that he observed the subject at the Red Wheel Restaurant, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on June 14, 1968, where he was alone and appeared to be trying to sell diamond rings to several of the waitresses. Informant advised he was driving a 1967 black Cadillac, license 559 000.

[] advised on May 24, 1968, that JIMMY CATUARA had recently visited with Chicago top hoodlum PHIL ALDERISIO, and during the conversation, indicated that he was afraid of impending trouble because somebody (not identified) was talking to the Government. He also commented that [] was going broke in his business venture, in which CATUARA had a financial stake. Informant advised that the subject had been in contact with ALDERISIO approximately three times a week and each time was complaining over the fact that he thought he was in trouble because of some unknown "stool pigeon."

[] advised that the subject and [] are operating a juice business in the Bridgeport area of Chicago, which has become a very positive venture. [] is associated with them and will furnish whatever "muscle" is necessary to enforce the long payments.

[] advised on July 10, 1968, that an attempt was made [] to collect \$4,000 from CATUARA and [] for FIDENZI's appeal cost on each Federal conviction. [] expressed displeasure upon being refused by both of them. CATUARA is now very much concerned of the possibility of FIDENZI becoming the Government witness and furnishing information against him and others. CATUARA indicated to the informant that FIDENZI

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had been transferred to a Federal correctional institute in Texarkana, Arkansas, where no hardened criminals are housed, and he was then transferred to Sandstone, Minnesota, awaiting transfer to Terre Haute, Indiana. CATANA surmised that FIDENZI is probably talking to the Government. It is noted that FIDENZI, operating under the authority of the subject, was, prior to his confinement, operating under several company names.

FIDENZI and others held themselves out to be in the control of businesses of mortgage bankers for securing and making loans to prospective borrowers. The method of operation had been to collect advance fees for obtaining loan commitments. The firms have issued both interim (short term) construction loan commitments, as well as long term mortgage loan commitments. The commitment was supposed to be of value to the victim in that it was to enable the victim to obtain interim financing from legitimate financial institutions because the commitment would assure the financial institution that FIDENZI would furnish a permanent loan. FIDENZI would always fail the person in furnishing such loans and/or funding the mortgage money. The victims also learned that usually their advance fee payments were lost.

[redacted] advised on July 17, 1968, that the subject was in conference with top hoodlums PHIL ALDERISIO and [redacted]. The informant did not know the reason for the meeting.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
August 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

CG 92-1371

Title JAMES CATUARA

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated
and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (92-1371)

DATE: 8/28/68

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, Indianapolis (92-903)(P)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATURA, aka.
AR

OO:CG

Re CG letter to IP, 6/27/68.

For the information of Chicago, it has been determined
that associated with Panzini Pizza, State Street, Hammond, Indiana,

[Redacted]

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT Hammond, Indiana

Investigation continuing regarding associates of Panzini
Pizza, Hammond.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/23/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

8/21-9/20/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA AR

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SA [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Informant advised that an associate of GUIDO FIDANZI TOLD him that GUIDO had been returned to the Cook County Jail. The subject has heard this report and is extremely worried that GUIDO is talking to the Government and that he may be indicted on one of the many frauds that he has received funds from.

Informant advised that the subject is not spending much time in the Chicago Hgts. area and he has been unable to determine his current activities.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating Good

Coverage Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/30/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

8/26/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

RALPH EMERY, AR	92-2013	[REDACTED]
FRANK LA PORTE, AR	92-920	
JAMES CATUARA, AR	92-1371	
CRIME CONDITIONS, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA	92-703	
LEE	166-1220	[REDACTED]
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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☒ STATISTIC

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

Coverage

Same

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CG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Informant furnished the following information regarding RALPH EMERY:

EMERY was a former partner with JOE GUZZINO and probably has leased the Blue Carpet Lounge at 159th and Burnham to an unknown individual, one of EMERY's paramours, [REDACTED] is presently working in the restaurant of the Town and Country Motel. Informant advised that he knows of no illegal activities that EMERY is involved in and to the best of his knowledge his money is made in the operation of the Regal Vending Company in Chicago Heights.

Regarding FRANK LA PORTE, informant advised he has no current information regarding LA PORTE, however, he knows that [REDACTED] who is presently operating big in Indiana, previously worked in [REDACTED] and LA PORTE, however, he lost money for them in Phoenix, Illinois and his operation was taken away from him. He advised approximately one week ago he ran into [REDACTED] at the Jodels Restaurant and [REDACTED] told him he was selling cigars.

[REDACTED] is presently in jail in Los Angeles, California on a \$50,000 fraudulent bond. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FRANK LA PORTES and get him to obtain a good lawyer for him.

CG [REDACTED]

RALPH EMERY told him that it cost him \$40,000 to keep [REDACTED] from going to jail for the murder charge against him in Illinois. EMERY also stated that he presently is maintaining three girlfriends who are former prostitutes, but that he never takes their money and that they cost him considerably. in addition. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
in the area and this is the reason he is presently broke.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE JUL 7 1968	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/10/68 - 9/29/68
TITLE OF CASE GUIDO FIDANZI: [REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA: [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY nan
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - FBW	

AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS - VICTIM

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/17/67, at Chicago.
 Atlanta letter to Chicago dated 7/18/68 (IO).
 Columbia airtel to Chicago dated 7/20/68 (IO).
 Dallas letter to Chicago dated 7/31/68 (IO).
 Dallas letter to Chicago dated 8/13/68 (IO).
 Los Angeles letter to Chicago dated 9/16/68 (IO).

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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
COPIES MADE:							Searched		
2 - Bureau (87-95922)							Serialized		
1 - USA, Chicago							Indexed		
2 - Columbia (87-1319)							Filed		
2 - Dallas (87-17038)									
1 - Los Angeles (87-28413) (Info)									
1 - Omaha (Info)									
5 - Chicago (2 - 87-31242)									
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AT MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. 1. Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] Myrtle Beach, along the lines set out in Columbia airtel to Chicago dated 5/14/68, and Dallas airtel to Chicago dated 5/1/68.

2. Will contact [redacted] with respect to [redacted] and obtain any information regarding [redacted] association with spurious money orders in the past and information concerning the character of [redacted]

DALLAS

AT DENTON, TEXAS. Will maintain contact with [redacted] [redacted] regarding this matter.

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS. Will maintain contact with [redacted] regarding this matter.

LOS ANGELES AND OMAHA

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Los Angeles and Omaha inasmuch as future investigation may be requested.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report reflects dates of investigation conducted by other offices.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago (Attn: AUSA RICHARD G. SCHULTZ)

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: Chicago

Date:

OCT 7 1968

Field Office File #: 87-31242

Bureau File #: 87-95922

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Title:

GUIDO FIDANZI;

[REDACTED]
JAMES CATUARA;[REDACTED]
AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS - VICTIM

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

CHARACTER: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - FRAUD
BY WIRE

SYNOPSIS: [REDACTED] interviewed, advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] later checked with Teamster officials at Chicago and determined [REDACTED] not known to Teamster officials and no effort had been made to secure any type of loan. [REDACTED] advises after receipt of above information discontinued his association with [REDACTED] and considered incident closed. He said he did not consider that [REDACTED] had engaged in any fraudulent practice and therefore he considered his loss of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] located at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, but unavailable for interview. Investigation at Denton, Fort Worth, and Amarillo, Texas, set out. FBI Identification Division Record for GUIDO FIDANZI under FBI# 311 369 D set out.

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DETAILS:

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Date 7/1/68

[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed
in his office. [redacted] was advised that the purpose of
this interview was to obtain information relative to any
dealings he may have had with one [redacted]

[redacted]

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On 6/27/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 87-28413
by SA [redacted] jmb Date dictated 6/28/68

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During the same period of time, negotiations were going forth for his loan. [] was also attempting to []

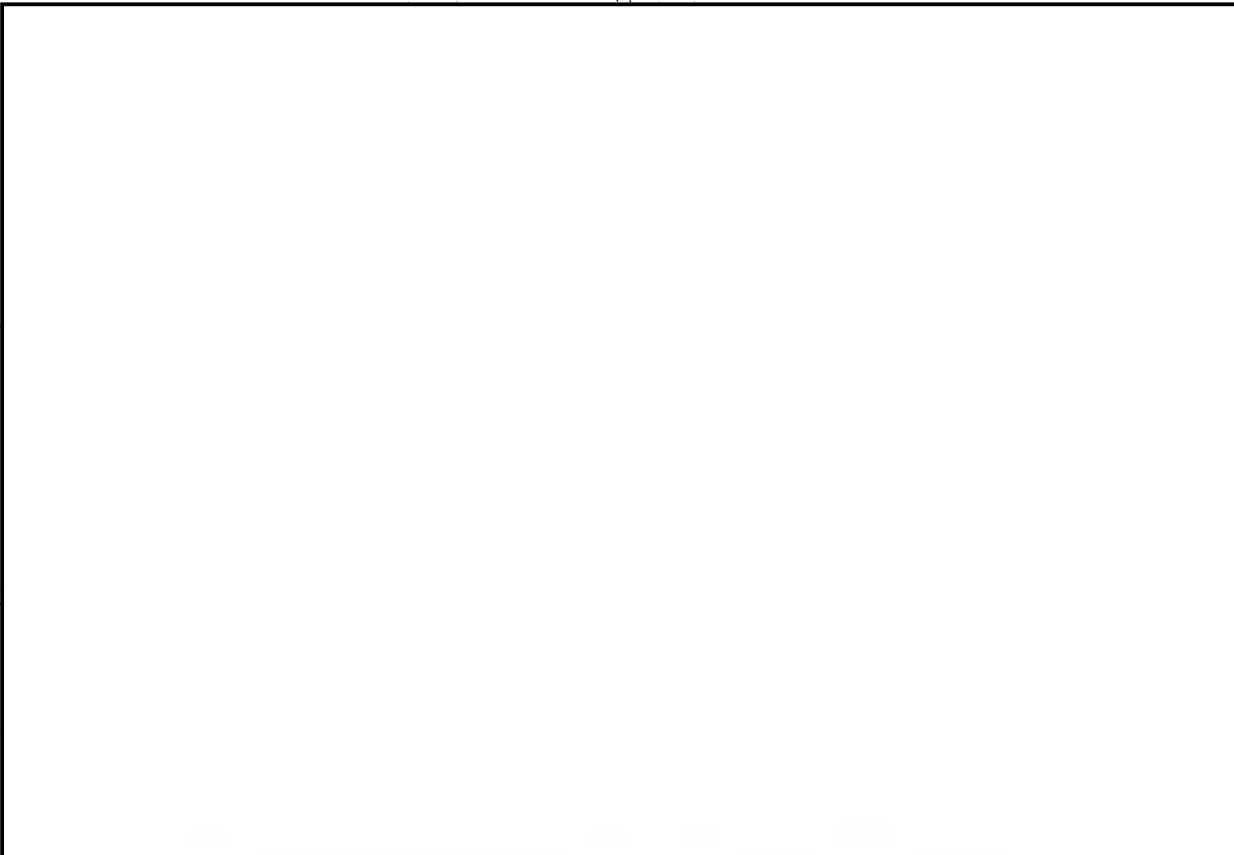
[] advised that after a considerable period of time with no positive results being obtained relative to the obtaining of a loan, he had instructed [] to telephone Chicago, Illinois, and to discuss this loan directly with Teamsters officials. He said this was done and that information had been received that [] was not known by present company officials in Chicago and that no efforts had been made to secure any type of loan.

After receipt of this information, [] said he discontinued his association with [] and considered the entire incident closed. He said he did not consider that [] had engaged in any fraudulent practice as [] had apparently made some efforts to secure a loan for his firm. He said that if the loan had been obtained under the conditions set forth by him with [] that it would have been a very good deal and therefore he considered []

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

AT DENTON, TEXAS



On July 8, 1968, [REDACTED] was recontacted, and he advised that there is no further information to report regarding this matter, but he will continue to be alert for any information regarding [REDACTED]

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted
by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Fort Worth, Texas, on July 23, 1968, informed he has had no contact with any of the individuals involved in this matter since last interviewed by the FBI and could add nothing further to that already provided to the FBI.

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By communication dated July 20, 1968, the Columbia Office advised as follows:

AT MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Numerous efforts have been made to contact [redacted] at Myrtle Beach. On June 1, 1968, information developed that he was moving to [redacted] Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, but efforts to contact [redacted] at this address disclosed house being renovated and [redacted] not located at the house.

On July 16, 1968, [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] at the Hawaiian Village Motel and Restaurant, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. [redacted] advised that he was too busy to appear this dated for interview but that he would call the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Resident Agency on Wednesday or Thursday, July 17 or 18, 1968, for an appointment for interview, which [redacted] failed to do.

By communication dated August 13, 1968, the Dallas Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT AMARILLO, TEXAS.

On July 30, 1968, [redacted] reported she could locate no record concerning the American Engineering Company in their files.

It is to be noted that the [redacted] area. [redacted] covers Rubbock, Texas,

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Co Jail Chicago Ill	Guido Fidanzi #188313	3-15-56	larc (2) con game	3-15-56 bail given on chg of con game
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	10-14-59	confidence game	5-20-60 Case dismissed
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	2-19-60	(Confidence Game) DC	SOL on chg of DC
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	3-22-60	Confidence Game	
PD Homewood Ill	Guido Fidanzi #--	1-11-61	Obtaining money under false pretenses check	
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	2-20-60	confidence game	SOL
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	3-22-60	confidence game	nolle prosequ
Cook Co Sheriff's PD Bedford Park Argo Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #38081-CR 2503-ID	12-30-65	T by deception	
USM Chgo Ill	Guido J. Fidanzi #67229	10-11-67	Income Tax Laws	
PD Chgo Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #183488	10-10-67	tax evasion	delivered to USM 10-11-67

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Cook Co Jail Chgo Ill	Guido Fidanzi #428174	4-13-68	SKUSM	
Fed Corr Inst Sandstone Minn	Guido Fidanzi #7359-SS	4-27-68	Failure file Income Tax	5 yrs FCI Sandstone Minn

Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

John Edgar Hoover

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE:

10/11/68

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

9/4, 11, 12, 17, 24, 25/68; 10/4, 7, 8/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FELIX ALDERISIO

92-415

ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO

92-344

GUS ALEX

92-373

ANTHONY SPILOTRO

92-2563

92-511

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

ECT Control File

92-1315

92-1388

SAM BATTAGLIA

92-914

JAMES CATUARA

92-1478

CIP

92-1371

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ITSP.,

87-7967

FELIX ALDERISIO;
- VICTIM, ECT.

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91-3396

See attached.

☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

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This informant has furnished information on the below-listed matters as follows:

FELIX ALDERISIO, aka
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Chicago file 92-415

GUS ALEX, aka
AR
Chicago file 92-373

ANTHONY SPILOTRO, aka
AR
Chicago file 92-2563

JOSEPH GAGLIANO, aka
AR
Chicago file 92-1315

Extortionate Credit Transactions
Control File
Chicago file 179-21

[REDACTED] aka
AR
Chicago file 92-1478

Criminal Intelligence Program
Chicago file 92-466

FELIX ALDERISIO, aka;
MEL KATZ - VICTIM
ECT
Chicago file 179-20

ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO, aka
AR
Chicago file 92-344

[REDACTED] aka
AR
Chicago file 92-345

[REDACTED] aka
AR
Chicago file 92-511

[REDACTED] aka
AR
Chicago file 92-1388

SAM BATTAGLIA, aka
AR
Chicago file 92-914

JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR
Chicago file 92-1371

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ITSP - TJT
Chicago file 87-7967

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Chicago file 91-3396

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On September 17, 1968, this informant advised that [redacted] from Tampa and Miami, Florida, had been in Chicago, Illinois, on September 15 - 16, 1968, [redacted] with ALDERISIO on September 15, 1968. [redacted] was again observed in ALDERISIO's presence on September 16, 1968, and it was believed he departed Chicago at approximately 2 p.m. on that date.

This informant advised on September 24, 1968, that he had learned from PHIL ALDERISIO that ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO had been subpoenaed by the Illinois Crime Commission to appear before a Cook County Grand Jury on September 26, 1968. The reason for this subpoena was not known to ALDERISIO, but he expressed concern that not only was the Government thrashing around in many different areas, but now the "locals" were trying to create problems. It was determined that the reason for ACCARDO's appearance before the Grand Jury was in connection with a Veterans Park District investigation being conducted by the Illinois Crime Commission. It was presumed that ACCARDO would be granted immunity in connection with this investigation, coupled with his long-time association with JOE BULGER (deceased) who was the acknowledged director of the Veterans Park District.

On September 25, 1968, this informant advised that JOSEPH GAGLIANO had been summoned to appear before PHIL ALDERISIO on that date at which time ALDERISIO "chewed" GAGLIANO unmercifully because of his association with [redacted] and his reported attendance at the wedding of [redacted]. ALDERISIO indicated that [redacted] had brought sufficient "heat" through his association with Preferred Vending Machine Company, and that no one should have any contact with [redacted] at any time since ALDERISIO suspected that [redacted] was the person responsible for the Illinois Crime Commission's investigation into the cigarette tax stamp matter.

CG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These persons were subsequently convicted and sentenced in local court concerning these manipulations.

In connection with the travel of GUS ALEX to Rochester, Minnesota, it should be noted that a Federal Grand Jury has issued a subpoena for ALEX and this subpoena is being forwarded to the Minneapolis Division for service on ALEX on or about October 10, 1968. It should be noted that ALEX, in the past, has always "run" on any occasion when he thought there was a possibility he would be subpoenaed before any judicial body. Past experience has indicated that when ALEX visits Rochester, Minnesota, he does not normally return to Chicago for some length of time. Because of the informant's information, it is anticipated that service of this subpoena will be effected which very possibly might not otherwise be accomplished for the period desired.

[REDACTED]

CG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This informant advised on October 4, 1968, that [REDACTED] from the Northwest Tobacco Company, JAMES CATUARA, [REDACTED] had all been in contact with PHIL ALDERISIO on October 3, 1968, at the offices of Gaylur Mercantile Company.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In connection with [REDACTED] he stated that [REDACTED] SAM BATTAGLIA and PHIL ALDERISIO are all a part of the ISP Corporation. The informant has no information concerning this corporation, its purpose, product or reason for being except that these persons are connected with it. He indicated that this would be an excellent way to move large sums of money without arousing any kind of suspicion. (Appropriate leads are being set out to obtain the corporate structure of the ISP Corporation through the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.)

This informant advised on October 4 and 7, 1968, that [REDACTED] who is on juice to PHIL ALDERISIO, is becoming more concerned over the fact that he has no financial way in which he can extricate himself from his debt to ALDERISIO.

On October 7, 1968, this informant stated that [REDACTED] advised him that he had visited the offices of the FBI in Chicago at their request on that date, and they had questioned him concerning monies owed to PHIL ALDERISIO. According to [REDACTED] he told the FBI Agents that he did not owe any money to ALDERISIO, that he had, in fact, made a \$50,000 loan from [REDACTED] and had repaid this debt except for \$12,000, which money was being paid off as best he could. He stated that there was no pressure,

CG [REDACTED]

either physical or mental, being placed upon him by [REDACTED] for repayment of this money, and that he did not borrow money from ALDERISIO nor does he owe ALDERISIO anything.

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This informant stated that ALDERISIO was aware that [REDACTED] had been contacted by the FBI and was concerned about this. He knew of this contact by overhearing a statement [REDACTED] made to [REDACTED]

On October 4, 1968, this informant stated that he had no further information concerning the identity of victims obtaining juice loans from ALDERISIO, but indicated that the following persons are known to him as juice lenders and collectors for ALDERISIO:

[REDACTED]
ANTHONY SPILOTRO
[REDACTED]

The informant stated that weekly meetings of these juice lenders and collectors, along with some of the juice victims, are held each Sunday morning at the ALDERISIO residence, 505 Berkeley, Riverside, Illinois, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 noon. The informant further indicated that on many occasions, victims who are behind in their payments are brought to the ALDERISIO residence where "pressure" is put on them to get current with their payment.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE INDIANAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 10/22/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/10/68 - 10/14/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUARA; GILDO FIDANZI; <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	TYPED BY :rel
		CHARACTER OF CASE LEAD - GAMBLING	

REFERENCES: Chicago airtel to Indianapolis dated 9/28/68;
Reports of SA dated 8/15/68
and 9/30/68 at Chicago.

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LEADS:**CHICAGO****At Chicago, Illinois**

Will advise Indianapolis of surveillance of subject from Illinois to Indiana so that assistance might be afforded that division in determining where daily double tickets are being delivered in Lake County, Indiana.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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INDIANAPOLIS

At Lake County, Indiana

1. Investigation continuing in effort to establish any violation of Federal law.
2. Agent will week of 10/21/68 attempt to purchase daily double ticket in Four Aces Recreation, 1111 112th Street, Boby, Indiana.

INFORMANTS

On 7/10/68 [redacted] advised SA [redacted]

[redacted]

the horse book operations now have available to customers a "daily double book". Source stated that this is available for \$3 and the customer receives a match book with two numbers inside. These two numbers are the customer's numbers for the week for the daily double running at Arlington Park. If the customer has the winning horses for the daily double at Arlington Park from Monday through Friday, he receives \$30. If he has the winning horses for the daily double on Saturday, he will receive \$75. Source stated that these books are kept in large jars located on the betting booths located at the various horse books including the Four Aces. Source stated the only race track involved is Arlington Park.

Source stated that he has observed these "daily double books" at the Forsythe Recreation, Palace Recreation, 4824 Mohman Avenue, and at the Four Aces.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 8/6/68 that

[redacted]
[redacted] The
winning ticket pays as follows:

Monday-Friday	\$30
Saturday	\$75
Consolation	\$ 5
A dead heat	the money is split.

[redacted]
Contact with other Indianapolis sources in Lake County, Indiana, has to date failed to establish who is making deliveries of the daily double tickets in Lake County, Indiana. Unsuccessful efforts have been made to locate [redacted] Hammond, Indiana.

Chicago will note if surveillance dates and times set forth in this report, if original 302s are needed, can be located in IP 166-433.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago, Illinois (Attn: AUSA LAWRENCE HERRISSEY)

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: INDIANAPOLIS

Date:

10/22/68

Field Office File #: IP 100-435

Bureau File #:

Title:

JAMES CATUARA;
GUIDO FIARINI;
[REDACTED]

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF RACKETEERING - GAMBLING

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]
Panzini Pizza operation, 101 State Street, Hammond, Indiana.
[REDACTED] Public Health Sanitarian, State of
Indiana, was unable to furnish any information associating
any gambling activities with or at Panzini Pizza, Hammond,
Indiana.

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DETAILS:

On August 20, 1968 [REDACTED] Public Health
Sanitarian, LaPorte, Indiana (State of Indiana), made available
the following report dated August 16, 1967:

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[redacted] stated that he knew of no gambling activity associated with or at Panzini Pizza, 101 State Street, Hammond, Indiana.

On the indicated dates and at the indicated times, 1968 automobile registrations listed below were obtained from automobiles parked in the immediate vicinity of the Club Billiards, 107 State Street, Hammond, Indiana, which included the area of 101 State Street, Hammond, Indiana, location of Panzini Pizza:

July 10, 1968, 2:25 PM

Illinois

[redacted]

Ohio

[redacted]

July 10, 1968, 3:11 PM

Illinois

[redacted]

[redacted]

(Noted on the side of the truck Panzini Company, 1118 West Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, Phone 829-4332.)

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October 14, 1968, 1:30 PM

Illinois



Indiana

Oldsmobile, 45F6059

On July 24, 1968  Illinois State Police, Schererville, Indiana, made available records of the Illinois Secretary of State which revealed the following concerning 1968 Illinois license plates:

Illinois



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On October 14, 1968 [redacted] Indiana State Police,
Schererville, Indiana, furnished the following information
regarding 1968 Illinois automobile registrations:

On September 30, 1968 [redacted] Lake County
Health Department, Crown Point, Indiana, advised that he could
locate no record of the Panzini Pizza Company, Hammond, Indiana.

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (92-903)

October 31, 1968

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR
(OO: Chicago)

Re Indianapolis letter to Chicago dated 8/28/68.

It has been determined that Internal Revenue Service, Chicago, Illinois, was conducting an investigation regarding subject's association with the Panzini Pizza Company, Hammond, Indiana. Indianapolis requested to contact established sources in Internal Revenue Service matters. Indianapolis will attempt to obtain pertinent information regarding subject and his association with the Pizza Company.

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CG [REDACTED]

Informant stated that he is very bitter towards CATUARA pointing out that he would do anything in his power to "get him" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is noted that investigation by the Chicago Office has ascertained that CATUARA, in fact, did take over the Daily Double gambling enterprise [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant displayed a friendly attitude, claimed that he did want to cooperate; however, was noted that information extracted from him came as a result of direct questions put to him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: NOV. 8 1968

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

10/22, 24/68; 11/4, 5/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FELIX ALDERISIO

92-415 [REDACTED]

92-1514 (Closed)

137-6715 [REDACTED]

87-8469

87-26297

ANTHONY SPILOTRO

92-2563 [REDACTED]

92-745

92-2321

92-1478

179-21

92-1371 ✓ [REDACTED]

92-2187

92-466

B) 92-350 Sub 14 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

ECT Control File

JAMES CATUARA

CIP

Criminal Influence in Local
and Federal Judiciary

See attached.

☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating

Same

Coverage

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[REDACTED] [Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [REDACTED]

DATE: **11/26/68**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact

10/15/68 and 11/12/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK LA PORTE, AR

92-920

AL PILOTTO

92-1733

JAMES CATUARA

92-1371

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

[REDACTED]

observed **FRANK LA PORTE, AL PILOTTO** and **JAMES CATUARA** go in to **LA PORTE's** private office at Cooperative. He overheard them discussing trouble between **LA PORTE** and **CATUARA** because of some type of con game that had been operated by **CATUARA's** people on a friend of **LA PORTE**. Informant said that he has heard that there has been serious trouble between **LA PORTE** and **CATUARA** for over a year, because **LA PORTE** is of the opinion that **CATUARA** OK'd the murder of **LA PORTE's** associate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant advised further that [REDACTED] currently residing at [REDACTED] was attempting to get a job [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She was unable to hold this job, and her last employment was that of a receptionist at the **R & B Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road**, in which she used the name [REDACTED]

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating **Very Good**

Coverage **Same**

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 12/5/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/29 - 10/30/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUARA, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY js
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/29/68, at Chicago. Chicago airtel to Indianapolis dated 10/31/68. Chicago report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/7/68, entitled, GUIDO FIDANZI, ET AL. ITSP - FBW. Indianapolis report of SA [REDACTED] entitled, "JAMES CATUARA, ET AL, ITAR - GAMBLING."

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LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they develop. Chicago will continue to investigate subject's activity in the organized crime field.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Referenced ITSP - FBW and ITAR - GAMBLING reports set forth details of subject's associates. In the interest of brevity and to avoid duplication, only summary information is set forth in this report.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 11/6/68, that GUIDO FIDANZI is extremely bitter towards the subject because CATUARA has failed him since he was put in jail for income tax evasion. FIDANZI has claimed [redacted] [redacted] he had made enormous sums of money for CATUARA and others and feels that they should now take care of him and his family. FIDANZI is of the opinion that instead of taking care of him and his family CATUARA has taken over FIDANZI's control of the Daily Double Gambling Enterprise operating between Illinois and Indiana.

[redacted] was involved in the fraudulent operation of mortgage commitments and that he was used as a front by FIDANZI and CATUARA when defrauding various persons and companies.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
[redacted]	11/25/68	SA SA
	8/30/68	SA
	11/5/68	SA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 2 - USA, Chicago
(1 - AUSA MORRISSEY)Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
12/5/68

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6031

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside 9600 South Halbourn, Oak Lawn, Illinois. No pertinent activity noted at his residence. Background on Panzini Pizza, Hammond, Indiana, set forth. Informant alleged that subject inactive because of fear that his former associates are talking to Federal Grand Jury and he may be indicted. Subject's meeting with other Chicago area hoodlums set forth.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois, Police Department, advised on October 12 and November 9, 1968, that he and [redacted] have continued to make frequent spot-checks at the subject's residence, 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn. He advised that they have noted no pertinent activity at the residence and that the only cars observed have been the subject's [redacted]

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Physical observation disclosed that the property formerly operated by the R and B Collection Agency, Swiss Mortgage Corporation, and Manhattan Management Corporation, at 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, has been re-rented to a Williams and Company and is believed to have no connection with the subject.

[redacted] advised on November 25, 1968, that GUIDO FIDANZI, whom he considers an employee of the subject, completed a fraudulent transaction on the day before he was sent to the Federal Penitentiary. Informant advised that FIDANZI sold the furniture located in the R and B Collection Agency Office to an unknown individual even though the furniture was not paid for and was to be repossessed by the company. Informant indicated that FIDANZI obtained several hundred dollars from this fraudulent transaction.

Informant further advised that CATUARA does not frequent the Chicago Heights area since FIDANZI has been incarcerated. Informant has heard through close associates of the subject that he is inactive at the present time from any illegal activity because he is of the opinion that FIDANZI and other individuals are talking to the Federal Grand Jury and other Federal agents. Subject is vitally concerned that he may be indicted as a result of his previous connection with the mortgage fraud activities of FIDANZI.

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Previous investigation determined that the subject is connected as a silent partner with the Panzini Pizza, State Street, Hammond, Indiana. The Indianapolis Office advised that this company is controlled [redacted]

[redacted] Officers of the Division of Food and Drugs for the State of Indiana, advised that the Panzini Pizza is possibly involved in fraudulent practices in misweighing of sausage products in the sale of their products. This investigation indicated that Panzini's main office is located at 207 Western Avenue, South Bend, Indiana, and that they make delivery of sausages as far south as Anderson, Indiana, and other towns surrounding Hammond, Indiana. Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] It was further determined that agents of the Indiana agency obtained Panzini pizzas from various grocery stores and discovered that the labels on the sausage pizza read 22 ounces in weight; however, the actual count ranged from 17.2 ounces to 19.8 ounces, and that their pizza labeled as 18 ounces were equally misbranded. As a result the product was placed under embargo and not being sold. As a result of this investigation [redacted] of the Indiana State Weights and Measures was notified to conduct an appropriate investigation that if this product is found to be uniformly short in weight, prosecution will be considered. It was further determined that [redacted] was associated with Panzini Pizza operation at 101 State Street, Hammond, Indiana.

On August 30, 1968, [redacted] advised that [redacted] (phonetic) is a close associate of the subject.

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[redacted] advised that Chicago hoodlum PHIL ALDERISIO is involved in the juice racket and that ALDERISIO is the "bank" for an exceedingly large juice operation with [redacted] ANTHONY SPILOTRO, [redacted]

[redacted] JAMES CATUARA, and many others.

Informant indicated that [redacted] who is connected with the Northwest Tobacco Company met with JAMES CATUARA [redacted]

[redacted] in the office of ALDERISIO.

Contact with Chicago Heights Police Officers have failed to develop any information that CATUARA has been observed in the Chicago Heights area since the arrest and imprisonment of GUIDO FIDANZI. They are of the opinion that he has removed his operation from the Chicago Heights area and is again operating in the City of Chicago. None were able to furnish any pertinent information regarding his current address.

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Chicago, Illinois
December 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **32-1371**

Title **JAMES CATUARA**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of Special Agent**
 [redacted] dated
 and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 12/9/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/25 - 11/26/68
TITLE OF CASE GUIDO FIDANZI; ET AL AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ab
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP-FBW	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/7/68, at Chicago.

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LEADS

COLUMBIA, DALLAS, LOS ANGELES, OMAHA.

Information copies of this report are being furnished to these divisions inasmuch as future investigation may be requested.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will contact AUSA SAM K. SKINNER and determine if he desires to subpoena [REDACTED] before a Grand Jury in Chicago to obtain [REDACTED] testimony.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report reflects dates of investigation conducted by **another** office.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago (ATTN: AUSA SAM K. SKINNER)

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Date:

12/8/68

Field Office File #: 87-31242

Bureau File #: 87-95922

Title:

GUIDO FIDANZI; ET AL
AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY,
LUBBOCK, TEXAS - VICTIM
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
[REDACTED] - VICTIM

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY-
FRAUD BY WIRE

Synopsis:

Attempts by Columbia to interview [REDACTED] during months of July, August, and September, 1968, negative. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had indicated to him that he [REDACTED] was purposely avoiding interview by FBI, and [REDACTED] believes this is because [REDACTED] is now afraid the group in Chicago might kill him if he testifies against them. FBI identification records for subjects JAMES CATURA. FBI Number 877 436: [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA.

On July 25, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was on this date on his way to St. Louis, Missouri, and would probably return to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, July 26, 1968. [REDACTED] said he would have [REDACTED] contact the Myrtle Beach Resident Agent on his return.

On August 19, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had indicated to him that he, [REDACTED] was purposely avoiding interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and [REDACTED] believes this is because [REDACTED] is now afraid the group in Chicago might kill him if he testifies against them.

During August, 1968, several attempts were made to contact [REDACTED] for interview, without success. He did not contact the Myrtle Beach Resident Agent on his return from St. Louis.

On September 24, 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was parked at the residence at this time.

[REDACTED] Hawaiian Village Restaurant, advised on September 24, 1968, that [REDACTED] is out of town, but should return September 25, 1968, at which time [REDACTED] to contact the Myrtle Beach Resident Agent.

[REDACTED] was again contacted on September 25, 1968, and she advised that she did not know where [REDACTED] was at this time.

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SP Joliet, Ill.	James Catuara #821	1-10-35	compounding explosives	5 to 25 yrs.; 12-15-42, paroled to Chicago, Ill.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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		CHARACTER OF CASE ITAR - GAMBLING	

REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 10/22/68
at Indianapolis.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

For the information of the Chicago Division, no additional investigation is being conducted regarding daily double tickets regarding horse races as investigation has failed to reveal any currently being utilized in Lake County, Indiana.

Chicago will note if surveillance dates and times set forth in this report are needed the original FD 302s can be located in IP 166-433.

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INFORMANTS

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Source stated that [REDACTED] Palace Recreation,
reportedly discontinued handling the daily double (horse race)
pull tab tickets in September, 1968.

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: INDIANAPOLIS

Date: 12/27/68

Field Office File #: IP 166-435

Bureau File #: b7C

Title:

JAMES CATUARA;
GUIDO FIDANZI;
[REDACTED]

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF RACKETEERING - GAMBLING

Synopsis:

Search warrants were executed at all known bookmaking establishments in Hammond, Indiana on 10/29/68 and no daily double (horse race) tickets located.

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DETAILS:

Search warrants were executed at all known bookmaking establishments in Hammond, Indiana, including Roby, Indiana, October 29, 1968 and no daily double (horse race) tickets were located. Search warrant also executed in private home in Valparaiso, Indiana, October 20, 1968 and no daily double tickets again located.

On the indicated dates and at the indicated times, 1968 automobile registrations listed below were obtained from automobiles parked in the immediate vicinity of the Club Billiards, 107 State Street, Hammond, Indiana, which includes the immediate area of 101 State Street, Hammond, Indiana, location of Panzini Pizza:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE JAN 8 1969	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/18/68 - 1/7/69
TITLE OF CASE GUIDO FIDANZI; ET AL AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, LUBBOCK TEXAS - VICTIM, [REDACTED] - VICTIM, [REDACTED] VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY kag
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - FBW	

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REFERENCES: Los Angeles letter to Chicago dated 12/5/68 (IO).
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/9/68 at Chicago.

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LEADSCOLUMBIA, DALLAS, LOS ANGELES, OMAHA

Information copies of this report are being furnished to these divisions inasmuch as future investigation may be requested.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with AUSA SAM SKINNER in this matter

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The investigative period of this report reflects dates of investigation conducted by another office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, CHICAGO (ATTN: AUSA SAM SKINNER)

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: JAN 8 1969

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 87-31242

Bureau File #: 87-95922

Title: GUIDO FIDANZI; ET AL
AMERICAN ENGINEERING COMPANY,
LUBBOCK, TEXAS - VICTIM,
[REDACTED] - VICTIM,
[REDACTED] - VICTIM

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
FRAUD BY WIRE

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] interviewed at North Hollywood California, advised that he met victims [REDACTED] in Los Angeles, California. As a result of this meeting he learned that they were attempting to get financing [REDACTED] This group had a commitment letter from the Teamsters and he traveled through Chicago in an attempt to get this letter funded. He was unsuccessful in arranging a loan because of weak financing on the parts of [REDACTED] Description set out.

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Date 10/21/68

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and that the purpose of the interview concerned his activities with [redacted]

[redacted] was advised of his rights and he was furnished a statement of them. He returned the paper unsigned after reading it and stated that he would discuss anything the agents wished.

[redacted]

[redacted] said that this was the only meeting that he had with [redacted] and knew of no further activities concerning him.

[redacted] stated that he maintained telephonic contact with [redacted] for a period of time and attempted to get money from him for his work as a finder; however, he was advised by [redacted] that they had given advance funds to [redacted] and that apparently no loans were going to be forthcoming.

[redacted] related that as a result of his first meeting with [redacted] in Los Angeles. As a result of this meeting, he learned that they were attempting to get financing [redacted] This group had a commitment letter from the Teamsters and [redacted] in an attempt to get this letter funded. He was unsuccessful in arranging a loan because of weak financing on the parts of [redacted]

On 10/18/68 at North Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 166-1283

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] GLD/cyn Date dictated 10/21/68

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LA 166-1283

The following description of was obtained through observation and interview:

Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Build
Birth data

Occupation

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Records of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
reviewed on December 3, 1968. reflected [redacted]
[redacted] arrested
[redacted] on charge of battery. [redacted] released,
bail posted.

File reflected [redacted] fingerprinted, but no
photograph taken.

SAC, MILWAUKEE (87-8989)

1/28/69

SAC, CHICAGO (87-31347) (P)

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GUIDO FIDANZI;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

ITSP - FBW
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Milwaukee letter to Chicago, 1/7/69.

Assistant United States Attorney SAM SKINNER advised that he desires reinterview of [REDACTED] and specifically determine if at any time during his dealings with subject FIDANZI was JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA present.

LEAD

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, Will recontact [REDACTED] and reinterview him regarding any contact with JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA.

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/28/69

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

1/7 & 28/69

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, AR

92-1371 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC[REDACTED] (ph)
[REDACTED] Catuara recently rented
a Cadillac and brought it back with over 10,000
miles on it.Informant advised that Catuara has refused to help
GUIDO FIDANZI [REDACTED] while he is in jail and several
Chicago Heights hoodlums have heard about it and
indicated they are going to hold out on burglars
as they can't expect help if arrested.☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.Rating
GoodCoverage
Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/6/69

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT:

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Informant stated that for reasons which hereinafter will be set out he desires to cooperate with the FBI and feels that he is in a position to furnish considerable valuable information and perform services for the FBI which will be of value.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 6 - Chicago
 - (1 - 92-1173)
 - (1 - 92-1371)
 - (1 - 92-1804)
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Informant stated that he is very bitter towards CATUARA pointing out that he would do anything in his power to "get him" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is noted that investigation by the Chicago Office has ascertained that CATUARA, in fact, did take over the Daily Double gambling enterprise [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant displayed a friendly attitude, claimed that he did want to cooperate; however, was noted that information extracted from him came as a result of direct questions put to him. It was noted that the Chicago Office has received information from a reliable confidential source that informant, CATUARA and others were utilizing an individual by the name of [REDACTED] appeared to be fraudulent. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This individual [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnishing information which appears to be of value.

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AUSA MORRISSEY was again contacted concerning this individual on January 27, 1969, at which time he stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is expected that MORRISSEY will resolve this matter in the near future, after which the Chicago Office will submit a recommendation as to continued contacts with him.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (92-903) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR

DATE: 2/24/69

OO: Chicago

Re Chicago letter to Indianapolis, 10/21/68; and
report of SA [redacted] 12/27/68 at Indianapolis.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted]

Liaison has been maintained with [redacted]
Intelligence Division, IRS, Gary, Indiana, with the last contact
2/12/69 at which time he advised he has been unable to locate any
information indicating that the IRS has conducted an investiga-
tion regarding PANZINI Pizzi Company, 101 State Street, Hammond,
Indiana.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 2/5/69, [redacted] Indiana Rating
Bureau, Hammond, Indiana, advised that that office conducted
an investigation 1/17/67 for an insurance company regarding
insurance on 101-105 State Street, Hammond, Indiana. [redacted]

[redacted] stated at that time [redacted]

[redacted] added the business was shown as
101 State Street, Frozen Pizza Wholesale, dba Panzini Pizza
Company, Hammond, Indiana (Protect Identity).

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1 - Indianapolis
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Buy U.S. Savings [redacted] on the Payroll Savings Plan

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 2/27/69

FROM : SA SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

1/17 & 2/14/69

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, AR 92-1371

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

Informant advised that a close associate of the STATISTIC subjects, identity not stated, advised him that CATUARA is driving a black 1968 Cadillac with 69 plates 555-000. Everyday he travels to a home on 79th street, stays about 15 minutes and then goes to a tailor and cleaning shop on 31st. street in Chicago. Informant advised he would attempt to determine the exact time and location of the subjects travel.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

good

Coverage

Same

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [redacted]

DATE: 2/27/69

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FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

2/5, 12, 19, 24/69
Titles and File #s on which contacted

~~FELIX ALDERISIO~~

92-316 [redacted]

97-20297 [redacted]

~~ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO~~

92-346 [redacted]

92-1033 [redacted]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

LCN [redacted]

92-1478 [redacted]

92-1173 [redacted]

92-1371 ✓ [redacted]

JAMES CATUARA

97-30766 [redacted]

Burglary and Robbery Suspects
Control File

See attached.

☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Top Hoodlum

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This informant advised on 2/13/69, that JIMMY CATUARA had been in contact with PHIL ALDERISIO on 2/12/69, in the offices of Gaylur Mercantile Company, Chicago. The informant stated further on 2/24/69, that JAMES CATUARA had, on that date, been looking for ALDERISIO stating that he needed to see him badly, mentioning that it concerned someone that CATUARA had paid \$15,000 to for legal fees and that apparently this individual wanted additional money, and CATUARA did not wish to pay this without talking to ALDERISIO about it.

Jury Indicts Hood, Lawyer in a Fraud

A Chicago attorney and a reputed crime syndicate hoodlum were named in a federal grand jury indictment yesterday as operators of midwest fraud operations preying on business men from 1964 thru 1967.

The indictment named Harvey J. Powers, 664 Woodbine av., Oak Park, an attorney with offices at 2802 W. 26th st., and Guido Fidanzi, 220 Arquilla dr., Chicago Heights.

Powers and Fidanzi, the indictment charges, used the mails and interstate telephone calls to dupe business men into paying fees for loans.

Form a Corporation

The two men formed a corporation, World Wide Mortgage company, 251 E. Dundee rd., the government said, and promised business men they could obtain large loans. After the fees were paid, the indictment charged, Powers and Fidanzi kept the money and never obtained the promised loans.

Two Illinois business men, two Wisconsin business men, and a corporation were named in the indictment as victims.

Thomas A. Foran, United States attorney, said the indictment resulted after a three-year investigation by the FBI and the postoffice.

The indictment charged the two men with using the Wheeling office and another office at 75 E. Wacker dr. to conduct their business. They also induced some of the business men to make interstate trips

while conducting business for the World Wide company, the government said.

One Is in Jail

Fidanzi is presently in jail for income tax evasion after being convicted and sentenced to five years last March 27. He had been out temporarily on appeal bond of \$10,000 bond set by Judge William J. Lynch. The bond was revoked last April 18 when several persons complained Fidanzi had been threatening them.

Chief Judge William J. Campbell of federal district court set a \$4,000 bond for Powers.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

EDITION: 3 STAR FINAL

DATE: 3-1-69

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EDITOR: CLAYTON KIRKPATRICK

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TO : DIRECTOR (87-95922) (92-6931)

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (87-32842) (92-1371)

GUIDO FIDANZI; [REDACTED]

VICTIM; [REDACTED]

VICTIM; [REDACTED]

VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIM; [REDACTED]

VICTIM; ITSP-FBW; MAIL

FRAUD; CONSPIRACY.

JAMES CATUARA, AKA; AR. OO CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE, SUBJ GUIDO FIDANZI PRESENTLY ^{SERVING} ~~SUPPOSED~~
FIVE YEAR SENTENCE FOR CONVICTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX
EVASION AND HAS LONG BEEN LIEUTENANT OF CHICAGO HOODLUM JAMES
CATUARA, WHO CONTROLS ORGANIZED CRIME IN SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY.

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FGJ ON FEB TWENTY EIGHT LAST RETURNED TRUE BILL
INDICTMENT CHARGING SUBJECTS WITH VIOLATIONS OF ITSP, FBW,
MAIL FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY. THIS INDICTMENT IS CULMINATION
OF THREE YEAR INVESTIGATION BY CHICAGO POSTAL INSPECTORS.
IN INDICTMENT AUSA, CHICAGO, ADDED ONE COUNT OF FRAUD BY
WIRE. SUBJ SURRENDERED TO USM, FEB TWENTY EIGHT LAST,
RELEASED ON FOUR THOUSAND DOLLAR O/R BOND. SUBJECTS TO
APPEAR FOR ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA MARCH SEVEN NEXT, USDC,
CHICAGO. SUBJ FIDANZI PRESENTLY INCARCERATED FEDERAL TIER,
COOK COUNTY JAIL.

REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/18/69

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

2/27, 28/69; 3/3 - 7/69

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FELIX ALDERISIO

92-415

92-511

87-26297

92-917

92-1371

92-466

JAMES CATUARA

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

UNSUBS; Robbery Unknown
Jewelry Store, Indianapolis,
Indiana, of \$100,000 Jewelry
on Unknown Date During 2/69

166-1045

92-1040

87-10882

92-1478

92-925

92-2563

92-302

92-2022

15-26351

92-373

87-30766

See
Attached

ANTHONY SPILOTRO

Information Concerning
Labor Racketeering

GUS ALEX

Burglary and Robbery Suspects
Control File

☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Top hoodlum

JWR/rms
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CG 92-1371
CG 92-1478
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This informant advised on [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]
a former frequent visitor with PHIL ALDERISIO, has not been seen
[REDACTED] in about a month.

He stated that JAMES CATUARA has been an almost daily
visitor with ALDERISIO during the month of [REDACTED] except
for those periods when ALDERISIO was out of town [REDACTED]

The informant stated on 3/4/69, that [REDACTED]
JAMES CATUARA and [REDACTED] had visited with PHIL ALDERISIO
[REDACTED]

3/19/69
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-New) (92-6931)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-New) (92-1371)

[REDACTED]
JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO

AUSA LAWRENCE MORRISSEY OF OPINION MARCH NINETEEN
INSTANT FOLLOWING INFO VIOLATION OF HOBBS ACT AND REQUESTED
INVESTIGATION OF MATTER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST OF
ACQUAINTANCE WITH [REDACTED] WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS CLOSELY
CONNECTED WITH CHICAGO AREA HOODLUMS, PARTICULARLY JAMES
"THE BOMBER" CATUARA. [REDACTED] ENGAGED IN BUSINESS
ARRANGEMENT WITH [REDACTED]

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AR; HOBBS ACT

REMYTEL AND REBUTEL THREE NINETEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED LAWRENCE MORRISSEY, CHIEF, SPECIAL
AND BOAGENTS
PROSECUTIONS UNIT, U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, INSTANT DATE, OF
ASSAULT AND BATTERY COMMITTED ON HIM [REDACTED]

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MORRISSEY AUTHORIZED FILING COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION TITLE
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AND COMMISSIONER'S WARRANT ISSUED. WARRANT TO BE EXECUTED ON
 EARLY AM, MARCH TWENTY-ONE NEXT.

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